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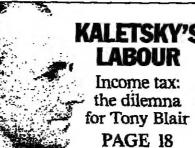
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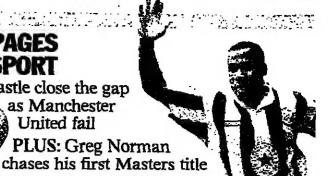






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Portillo walks political tightrope as visitor during Operation Grapes of Wrath

400,000 flee Israeli raids on Lebanon

IN JERUSALEM

MICHAEL PORTILLO, the Defence Secretary, walks into a diplomatic minefield today when he becomes the first senior foreign politician to visit Israel since the launch last Thursday of Operation Grapes of Wrath, the military onslaught on Lebanon that is attracting increasing international criticism.

With the number of panicstricken refugees fleeing southern Lebanon exceeding 400,000, some British ministers are understood to agree with President. Chirac of France, who said yesterday that Israel's military operation, in which at least 21 people have been killed and about 50 wounded, was "disproportionate". European opinion has been shocked by reports of Saturday's Israeli attack on a clearly marked ambulance in which four Lebanese children

Mr Portillo's visit, which includes meetings with Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister and Defence Minister, an official lunch and tours of military installations, was arranged before the Lebanon operation began. It was intended originally as a further demonstration of improving Anglo-Israeli ties after Britain's recent lifting of its ban on arms sales to Israel. That ban had been imposed after the 1982 invasion of Lebanon masterminded by Ariel Sharon, who was then the Israeli Defence Minister.

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Portilio: goodwill visit as Minister of Defence

The focus will be on Portillo as the only senior statesman to set foot in Israel since the bombardments began," one European diplomat "I suspect that privately he would prefer to be in-Bosnia or anywhere rather than here because whatever he says he is going to upset somebody: either his Israeli hosts if he condemns them or Britain's friends in the Arab world if he does not."

As Mr Portillo was touring holiday areas of southern yesterday out of the political spotlight, northern Israel was suffering its worst series of rocket attacks for three years; nine salvoes of Katyushas had hit the area by

nightfall. Across the border, Lebanese residents over a vast area of territory south of the Litani River were given hours to flee northwards or risk being killed.

Shells from 155mm and 175mm camon were fired into the more than 50 Lebanese villages affected by the ultimatum: smoke kombs were also fired as an added warning to all the residents to flee. The swirling smoke and deafening noise of the firing have in-creased anxiety among the Lebanese forced to flee in a procession of battered vehiles. Israel has said that any vehicles travelling south along the coast road from Beirut will be shot at.

Earlier, the Israelis fired missiles at an electricity substation near Beirut after an electricty installation near the Israeli town of Kiryat Shmona was damaged.

The Israeli Cabinet said it would continue the attacks until it secured guarantees that no more rockets would be fired across the border. For its part, Hezbollah, the Iranianbacked Islamic group, promised more attacks that would make life hell for the residents of northern Israel.

One Hizboliah rocket fell short yesterday and crashed into the headquarters of the United Nations peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon. It damaged a workshop but caused no casualties, a UN

The uncompromising communique from a crisis meeting of the Israeli Cabinet announced bluntly: "If Israeli civilian facilities are hit, there will be no immunity from strikes on parallel Lebanese facilities. Israel is not limited by time, and has the patience, fortitude and the ability to continue carrying out the re-



Refugees from Tyre in southern Lebanon crowded into a lorry yesterday as it crawled along jam-packed roads heading for the relative safety of Beirut

quired actions until Hezbollah attacks cease." The communi-que said that Israel had no intention of returning to Lebanon, as it did in the 1982 invasion, but it added: "Hezbollah terrorists and facilities in Lebanon, including those in Beirut, will not enjoy immunity." Senior Israeli military sources said that the fighting

was expected to continue for between one and two weeks. Israel Radio reported that Mr Peres had clashed in a telephone conversation with President Chirac. When he described Israel's reaction as

"disproportionate", Mr Peres replied that M Chirac would have responded in the same way if it was Paris that had been attacked.

According to diplomatic sources, some consideration was given by Britain to cancelling or postponing Mr Portillo's three-day visit, but it was considered that that would send too strong a message to Israel at a time when John Major is leading an internarional diplomatic initiative for a tougher collective stand against Iran and other sponstead, the sources said, Mr Portillo will urge restraint on the Israelis. Such calls are unlikely to be

heeded, with Israeli officials saying privately that until they are called to heel by the United States, they expect the violence being unleashed on Lebanon to worsen. One Israeli commander said: "We have not yet even moved into second gear." Little interest was paid by

the Israeli Government to calls from Damascus yesterday for a return to the ceasefire agreements that endsors of world terrorism. Ined the similar 1993 attack.

Under that diplomatic formula. Hezbollah and Israel would agree to limit their attacks to military targets inside southern Lebanon. Israel has accused Hezboliah of siting its Katyusha rocket launchers in civilian areas.

in Israel, there has been wide approval for the tough action and little political caution. The right-wing opposition Likud Party gave its full support to attacks in all parts

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LEBANON

Imran gets royal call after bomb

THE Princess of Wales tele-phoned cricket star Imran Khan yesterday after the bomb attack on his cancer hospital in Lahore, Pakistan.

The Princess, who visited the hospital earlier this year to help to raise funds for the charity project, expressed sympathy for those caught in the blast, which killed six. She also spoke to Imran Khan's wife, Jemima, the Goldsmith heiress, who was flying out to Lahore from London last

By coincidence, the Princess had lunch in London yesterday with Jemima's parents, Sir James and Lady Annabel Goldsmith.

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British beef is safe says EU farm chief

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

FARMERS joined furious Tory backbenchers and Euro-MPs yesterday in calling for an end to the EU ban on British beef after a senior Brussels official admitted it was safe to eat.

Franz Fischler, the European Agriculture Commissioner, said the ban, which has halted exports worth £600 million a year, had been imposed to calm consumer panic over "mad cow" disease and not because British beef was a health risk. "I would not hesitate to eat

beef in England", Herr Fischler said in an interview with Reuters in Absam, his home village in the alpine region of western Austria. "I see no medical reason not to."

He added: "For public safe-ty alone a ban would not have been needed. We also wanted to make sure that the whole beef market did not collapse as dramatically as was unfortunately the case in Britain". Herr Fischler, who has been

tipped as a future Austrian president or federal chancelior, suggested that trade in some beef-derived products, such as gelatine and tallow, might be allowed to resume before the overall export ban

Commenting on Herr Fischler's remarks, Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said: "British farmers have been under siege because of a decision by the Community,

and it is just unacceptable to me if that was taken for purely political reasons."

A leading Tory Euro-scep-tic. Sir Teddy Taylor, said: Now that Fischler has admitted that he made a horrendous mistake and did it for all the wrong reasons, I hope other members of the EU Commission will listen to his abject, penitent and pathetic words of apology and remove the ban forthwith."

Sir Gerard Vaughan, Tory MP for Reading East, said: This is an absolutely astonishing situation. Here is the man who has made Britain a scapegoat ... now conceding that all this has been done just for the convenience of Europe."

Edward McMillan-Scott, Euro-MP for York, called for an urgent review of the export ban. This is a very encouraging message from a key figure. If he had said this earlier . . . a lot of damage to the British and European beef sectors might have been avoided."

in Brussels Herr Fischler's press spokesman insisted the commissioner had disclosed nothing new: "If we really thought British beef was unsafe its sale would have been banned in Britain as well as everywhere else in the world. Besides, it was not Herr Fischler who closed the borders but ministers." The

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If there's a high over Newcastle there's always a low over Manchester

Newcastle win

Newcastle United beat Aston Villa to close the gap at the top of the Premiership to three points. They have a game in hand over Manchester United who were beaten 3-1 at Southamoton on Saturday, despite an emergency change of strip at half-time ____Pages 3.23. 27

Building Bosnia

More than 200 British companies are queuing to share in the reconstruction of former Yugoslavia, where £8 billion of work is expected. A security company hopes to win a contract to clear mines

Goldsmith threat

The billionaire financier Sir James Goldsmith increased the pressure on John Major over Europe when he announced he would field 600 referendum candidates with a campaign budget of at least

Clare Short apology for gaffe on tax

By ARTHIJE LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ers was undermined yesterday when his gaffe-prone frontbencher Clare Short appeared to suggest that those earning around £34,000 a year should pay higher taxes. Ms Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary, was forced to issue a swift retrac-

tion when colleagues pointed out that her comments directly contradicted those made by the Labour leader last week. On GMTV's Sunday programme, Ms Short backed the leadership's calls for a fair tax system but added: "I think in a fair tax system people like me would pay a bit more tax."

During his visit to America last week Mr Blair said that he did not want to raise taxes for those on middle incomes. He has previously made clear that



Short: "I speak for what

TONY BLAIR'S campaign to those on about £30,000 would reassure middle-income votnot be targeted. Ms Short's senior colleagues immediately de-

scribed her comments as naive, and Labour officials were forced to defend the party against a barrage of attacks from Tory ministers claiming that its tax plans were in disarray. Mr Blair's aides said her comments had been infelicitous.

The Shadow Transport Secretary, who earns £34.085 as an MP, hurriedly issued a statement claiming that it was mischievous to see her remark as a call for higher taxes for people on middle incomes. She said most middle-income families had been "hammered by Tory tax rises; the Labour Party has no intention of adding to their tax bills". Ms Short, who has twice

recently embarrassed the leadership with off-the-cuff remarks, further angered some frontbench colleagues when, asked if her view had been cleared with Mr Blair, she said: "It's cleared with me. I speak for what I see to be the truth."

Ms Short previously embarrassed colleagues by advocating the legalisation of cannabis and by criticising the decision of Harriet Harman, the Shadow Health Secretary, to send her son to a selective

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Transport ministry is on the road to closure

By Jonathan Prynn TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR officials are drawing up plans for the abolition of the Depart-ment of Transport if the Conservatives are returned to power at the general election.

The department, formed in the 1930s and long viewed as an ally of the powerful roads lobby, is seen as increasingly out of touch with changing government thinking on the environment. Advisers to Michael Heseltine also regard the department as a prime candidate for the axe in his drive to slim down the central

bureacracy in Whitehall. With rail privatisation likely to be completed by next year and the roads programme stalled by Treasury spending cuts, the department is running out of things to do, officials believe.

Its Railway Directorate may disappear altogether with the sale of British Rail, and responsibility for new roads is being increasingly handed to private groups of construction companies. The department's budget has been slashed by half from more than £6 billion in the early 1990s to a predicted £4 billion by the end of the decade, with further cuts likely in this year's budget. "If you

for breaking it up become more and more compelling," said a well-placed Government source. "It is dripping with classic 1960s-style Whitehall thinking, good at spending money on behalf of the interests it represents. but hopeless at developing policy. Nothing will happen this side of an

watch this space." The proposed abolition is backed by the Treasury and by the Depart-ment of Trade and Industry, which would inherit some of the functions currently carried out by the Depart-

election, but if the Tories get back in,

take a long hard look at the ment of Transport. Fewer than 2,000 officials work in the head office in Marsham Street, although a further 10,000; are employed by its eight satelline executive agencies. If it is broken up, responsibility for aviation and shipping would be handed back to the Department of Trade and Industry, which handled them until the mid-1980s, while road planning would be transferred to the Department of Environment.

Only road safety, a success story for the Government, has no natural home, but would probably be handled increasingly at a local government level. Two other government

ministries, the Department of Energy and the Department of Employment, have been dismembered in recent years and their functions: dispersed among other ministries.

The Department of Transport is out of favour partly because of its perceived failure to deliver a coherent policy to deal with the growing problems of congestion and underused public transport, despite 30 years of trying. It has only recently appointed an official with a full-time responsibility for co-ordinating the often conflicting policy advice from civil servants responsible for different modes of transport.

Goldsmith to fight 600 seats

Referendum party to have campaign budget of £20m

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE billionaire financier Sir James Goldsmith increased the pressure on John Major over Europe yesterday when he announced that he would field 600 candidates at the general election with a campaign budget of at least £20 million.

Sir James has poached key staff from the Conservative Party to run his operation, which will be launched formally in October at a two-day conference in Brighton. Candidates such as Sir Alan Walters, Lady Thatcher's former economics adviser, will be introduced to the membership, which runs into

As Mr Major prepared to meet Dr Brian Mawhinney. the Tory party chairman, today to plot the latest fightback strategy. Sir James, in an interview with The Times. outlined his terms for withdrawing his electoral threat.

He urged a Speaker's conference to be set up to decide the wording of a referendum question. We are trying to obtain the right to a referendum," he said. "It is inappropriate to determine what the exact terms should be." If Mr Major - who has promised a re-ferendum in the next Parliament if the Cabinet agrees a single currency - set up a Speaker's conference he would win,d-up his party. "If he does not we will not iolve and we will tight ou heads o'if. I always look forward tr) a fight. But I would prefer 'to avoid it."

The Tory leadership, dismayed by the scale of the defe at in last week's by-election, is alarmed that Sir James has upgraded his plans for 400 candidates on an election budget of £10 million. Sir James said yesterday he would spend at least £20 million or "what ever it takes" to oppose candidates who are not committed to a refer-

Senior Tories were rattled by press reports that two unnamed backbenchers have held talks with Labour MPs about defecting. Tories in the 90 most marginal seats, with majorities of less than 7,000, fear they could lose at least 1,000 votes to the Referendum

John Redwood, a former Cabinet minister, said yesterday that Sir James was a serious threat. "If he did damage in 25 seats that could be very worrying indeed. There are a lot of votes for anyone who says they want a better deal out of Europe."

Lord Archer of Westonsuper-Mare, the former Tory party deputy chairman, told ministers to take the Goldsmith threat "very seriously indeed. We cannot underestimate that he is a very serious man: he has the power to lose the election for the Govern-

Sir James said that the Tories had over-reacted. "It is not a left or right issue. It is a ves/no issue." However, he said that more Labour MPs had declared themselves in favour of a plebiscite.

The Referendum Party has been put on election footing. It is understood to be moving to a new base in Westminster most of the year in France where he is a Euro-MP, has taken a small house in central London to devote more time to Judith Duckworth, a former

Tory agent; Greg Trew, who was agent to David MacLean. the Home Office Minister: and Michael Gunton, a former press secretary to Lord Lawson of Blaby, have been



Sir James Goldsmith yesterday, planning to move his party to Westraninster

recruited. Further defections Europe. He said: "The Prime are anticipated. They held a Minister has tried to appease training session at the weekend for 30 candidates in St Albans. Hertfordshire.

The momentum will be maintained next weekend when Sir James addresses a rally in Westminster on Saturday. He will share a platform with Viscount Tonypandy, the former Speaker, and the next day he will give a television interview to Jonathan Dimbleby.

Sir James was scornful of Mr Major's leadership on

the Euro-sceptics and the Europhiliacs by producing a seugo-reterengum subject to winning the election. It satisfies no one." The Government's White Paper on

ment, he said. Sir James may contest Putney in the general election, where David Mellor is defending a majority of less than 7,000. "I want a constituency where the candidate is what I would call Euro-fantical." he

Europe was an act of appease-

said. He pre-licted that his party would "surprise immensely' He dismissed Tory

cisms that; he was delivering the gener al election to a more federalis a Labour party. Mr Major, he said had done nothir ig to stop the drift to-ward is federalism.

Sir James has had approjectes from self-appointed in termediaries for Downing Street. But he was dismissive There is no point in trying to accommodate the unacceptable," he said.

ment to compensate them for

stockpiles of beef worth some

680 million which they cannot

sell because of the export ban

and the age limit on the cattle

Mark Ashworth, finance di-rector of Midland Meat Pack-

ers, one of Britain's biggest

beef exporters, said, "We have

had to make 90 of our 530

employees redundant and lay

off more than 300 others. The

only solution is for the Gov-

ernment to buy up these stores

of unwanted beef and destroy

from which the meat comes.

Mark Brains

Hope over **Falklands** fish talks

Britain and Argentina achieved a breakthrough in their protracted negotiations over fishing rights around the Falkland Islands, the Foreign Office said yesterday (Mich ael Dynes writes).

During talks at the Iguazo Falls on the Argentine-Brazilian border, Malcolm Rifkind. the Foreign Secretary, and Guido Di Tella, his Argentine counterpart, agreed on the need for consultations over licences to regulate fishing around South Georgia.

Argentina had previously refused to accept a British licensing system as this, in effect, conceded British sovereignty over the islands. More talks are also expected on the wider issue of fishing rights in the South Atlantic

Police report on 'rnercy killing'

A file on the death of a terminally ill pensioner, who was given two huge doses of morphine by her son, is to be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service, police said yesterday.

Derek Rowbottom, 44, from Ashton-under-Lyne. Greater Manchester, said that he gave his 80-year-old mother, Alice. the overdoses after being unable to bear watching her die slowly from liver cancer at North Manchester General Hospital. Police were called in by the coroner to

Shortlist for women novelists

Four Americans and two Britfeature on the shortlist of the £30,000 women-only Orange Prize for fiction, published today. Among them are Marianne Wiggins, former wife of novelist Salman Rushdie, and Chinese-American writer

Amy Tan. The prize, the largest award for a single novel, has been criticised by some women novelists who feel it creates an undesirable ghetto for their work. It will be presented in London on May 15.

Tins barely cost a bean in price war

Tesco is reducing the cost of baked beans to 3p a tin from today in the latest round of the supermarket price-cutting war. However, buyers will be restricted to just four tins per visit of its own-brand beans to prevent commercial buyers

stripping the shelves. Tesco first dropped its price to 4p after Asda began selling its beans for 5p a tin. Amid huge demand, Tesco has decided on a further cut. It is. however, still selling 1.5 million tins of Heinz beans a day

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Nolan plea over role of civil servants

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

LORD NOLAN has been asked to investigate allegations that civil servants are assisting a Tory propaganda campaign to win the next General Election.

His committee on stan-dards in public life has been asked to intervene in a row over guidelines issued to senior civil servants which say they should co-operate with requests from ministers to cost opposition policies.

Labour believes that the traditional impartiality of civil servants is being compro-mised. Derek Foster, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, yesterday wrote to Lord Nolan asking him to conduct an investigation before the General Election.

Mr Foster also wrote to John Major. He said: "I am deeply disturbed by these reports and I am writing to the Prime Minister to ask him either to stop this abuse or to make the facility avail-

able to all political parties." The guidance, issued by the Cabinet Office, states that ministers "should be responsible for identifying the text of commitments together with any further interpretation or assumptions necessary to allow the commitments to be costed".

A spokeswoman for the Cabinet Office said: "It is perfectly proper for civil servants to provide the facts. It is up to ministers what spin they put on them. Civil servants will not be asked to decipher Labour's manifesto, but it is legitimate to ask them to cost

British beef safe, says EU farm chief But the British Vete rinary Continued from page I sors also want the Govern-



Herr Fischler: "I would eat beef in England"

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

AGRICULTURE

CORRESPONDENT

BEEF farmers fear many of

them could be ruined by plans

for the cull and disposal of all

cattle over 30 months old.

which the Government is ex-

pected to announce this week.

Tens of thousands of prime steers and heifers reared for

the beef market have become

virtually worthless because

the animals happen to exceed

this age limit and can no

longer be used for food. Beef

producers believe they are

being asked to carry the can

for dairy farmers whose herds

account for 90 per cent of the

nearly 160,000 confirmed

cases of "mad cow" disease so

far recorded in the national

Under the cull plan, agreed

with Britain's EU partners,

farmers will be compensated

at a rate of 86p per kilogram liveweight, which will average

out at about £480 per animal

destroyed. The EU will pay 70

per cent of the bill. This is

roughly the market price dairy

cattle herd.

rumpus over Herr Fischler's confession came as the Ministry of Agriculture was finalising details of a plan to keep all cattle older than 30 months out of the food chain. These animals are considered more likely to be infected with BSE. Supermarkets say further improvement in beef sales - new running at about 80 per cent of their pre-scare level will depend on the credibility of guarantees given to shoppers that all the meat now on offer comes from young

Association warned against the "needless destrur tion" of thousands of healthy animals, and the NFU appeal ted for fair compensation for farmers who stand to los a prime beef lan Gardine r, the NFU's

director of po ticy, said: "We accept the ner ad to destroy old cows and the proposed basic compensati on of 86p per kilo liveweight is fair. But we are pressing 'for top-up payments

for owne :rs of prime beef stock over 30 months old." Compensation for cull

'will leave some ruined'

French health authoritie have acknowledged the at animals. the case of a 27-year-c Adman from Lyons who died of Creutzfeldt-Jakob dis-James Burnett, one of the biggest cattle larmers in Britease in January this, year was "absolutely ide ntical" to the ten cases in Britain that were linked to a new strain of the diser use.

farmers would have got for the 15,000 barren o' id cows sent for slaughter ever y week anyway at the end of their working lives. These animals will now be burnt.

Dairy f: armers can still sell milk from their cows. Their steers ar 1d heifers will remain

eligible for sale as beef provided the animals are slaughtered before the age of 30 mor the, which they normally By contrast, beef farmers a re estimated to have up to 1,00,000 prime steers and heifers on their farms for which

there is now no market

because the animals are older

than 30 months. Many would

go under if they were paid no more for these high-quality

ain, has never had a case of BSE in the 1.400-strong herd of pedigree Charolais and Belgian Blue cattle he and his brother rear at Burridge Farm. near Newark. Nottinghamshire. In normal times, they kill up to 5,000 steers a year at between 33 and 34 months, the slaughter age for these Continental breeds, to supply bed to customers in France and Italy. Since March 26, exports have been banned by the EU and the cattle are now too old to be sold for beef

"The cattle would normally fetch up to £1,100 each". Mr Burnett said. "If we are compensated at the same rate as for old dairy cows we would lose up to £400 per animal. As our profit margin is only E30;a head, we would be ruined. All our cattle are fed on vegetable waste and have never been given the kind of rations which caused BSE."



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Heritage dismisses 'troublemakers'

Kenwood Friends accuse Stevens of neglecting masters

SIR Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, was last night embroiled in a dispute over a priceless collec-tion of Old Masters. Critics accused him of putting the works at risk by scaling down the organisation's responsibilities for Kenwood House on Hampstead Heath.

Patrons of Kenwood said that under his leadership English Heritage had neglected the 18th-century building. which has an outstanding Robert Adam interior and one of the nation's most important collections of paintings and furniture.

At their annual meeting, some of the hundreds of Friends of Kenwood urged Sir Jocelyn to reinstate a full-time curator to oversee the display, care and study of a collection that includes Vermeer, Rembrandt and Gainsborough

Sir Jocelyn, who did not attend the meeting yesterday. dismissed the protesters as "troublemakers". He criticised George Levy, a leading antiques dealer who chaired the meeting, and Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, as "people with plenty of spare time" who "have got used to the impression that they run Kenwood".

"The Friends are not behaving like friends. They are behaving in a very aggressive manner," Sir Jocelyn said. "We don't actually need the Friends if they're going to





Stainton: voiced criticism

behave like this." Lindsay Stainton, one of the Friends. said the family of Edward Cecil Guinness, the 1st Earl of Iveagh (1847-1927), who bequeathed the collection to the nation, was "very upset and deeply concerned".

Miss Stainton, a curator at Kenwood in the 1970s, said: "Stevens runs (English Heri-

tage as a personal fieldom.

Sir Jocelyn said there was



curator and expressing concern at room closures was passed unanimously yesterday. The three full-time curators at the house, a popular venue for concerts, were withdrawn last year. One Friend complained that the administrator appointed to run the house was a former manageress of an old people's home with no expertise in art. Peter Barber, deputy map

master.

librarian at the British Library, said an untrained administrator would not see what a curator saw. Objects that had lasted for hundreds of years were damaged imperceptively day by day. We've had a robust response from Jocelyn Stevens. It's right we should give him an equally robust response."

Mr Barber said private collectors felt less inclined to lend their works to Kenwood because English Heritage had downgraded the house's importance as a centre for 18thcentury studies. A Rubens and two Panini works had been withdrawn by their lenders, he said. "This is the first step in its decline. In 30 years' time we will find ourselves in the same position as houses in Italy -- closed."

Sir Jocelyn sent two members of staff to the meeting. Ian Dejardin, one of English Heritage's curators, who visits Kenwood at least twice a week, explained the withdrawal of the Rubens and Panini loans. He said the owners had wanted to show off the paintings in their newly recorated homes. "What am I to say? 'No VOU CANT?"

no need for a senior curator to be based at Kenwood, and that the collection had never been in better condition. He pointed out that the house cost El year to tun, and English Heritage was faced with a E44 million cut in its government grant over the



Mick Adkin training for next Sunday's London Marathon, when he hopes to beat the 2hr 55min he ran in 1984

rippled runner's marathon task

By Stephen Farrell

A PARAPLEGIC athlete is to take part in the London Marathon on Sunday, 12 years after he competed as an able-bodied athlete.

Mick Adkin, a solicitor from Woking, Surrey, aims to beat the 2hr 55min he recorded in 1984. His running days ended a year later when a hitand-run driver crashed a stolen car into his touring bicycle in Brittany. Mr Adkin. 44. remembers nothing of the crash. He spent five months in hospital and is now in a wheelchair with no movement below the shoulders.

However he returned to the solicitors firm in Woking. where he is now a partner. and, as a keen sportsman, was determined to enjoy as many aspects of his old life as he could. Although running was ie. ne took uo

Friends pestered him to try the marathon so he finally agreed, and he is to raise funds for the International

IN THE TIMES

Tomorrow: our 12-page guide to the Flora London Marathon. Next week: the complete list of finishers, only in The Times.

Spinal Research Trust and Woking Hospice Appeal

A dozen years on from his last competition, his training routine is much the same. He leaves his car at work. changes into his sporting clothes and dodges the rushhour traffic until he can cut through into the back roads between New Haw to Woking. The next morning he trains alongside the early morning traffic on his way to the office before changing into his working clothes.

Mr Adkin makes light of ine enom bui il takes nim longer to change and climb from his daytime wheelchair into his £1.500 three-wheeled racing model than it does to relatively careful and always fully lit up, but most people probably think There goes that moron' when I go shooting across the main roads. Whenever the police come up beside me they say. 'Are you completely mad?

The reaction is one he has grown used to, and accepts. To be honest, if I see someone in a wheelchair at the top of a mountain I will look because it's unusual." he said. You do get all the questions about courage and resilience and it can get repetitive because I have heard them so many times, but most people are very helpful and you tend to have to be an ambassador on all sorts of occasions.

"I'm looking forward to getting on with it. At first I thought there was no way I could even train because of all the poincies, rubbish and cambers on the main road, so I went on to the minor roads. Now I hope to be able to beat my 1984 time. We'll see."



Loyalist gunmen blamed for £1m robbery

By A STAFF REPORTER

LOYALIST paramilitaries were behind the £1 millionplus Securicor robbery in Belfast, police said last night. One man is being questioned by detectives attempting to trace at least six men involved in one of Northern Ireland's largest armed raids.

The money was due to be delivered to the Post Office but was seized on the outskirts of the city after four members of a family, one of them mentally handicapped and another suffering from respiratory problems, were handcuffed and gagged at their home.

Their relative, a Securion driver, was told to collect cash from the firm's depot and drive it to the outskirts of Belfast. It is understood that the RUC is attempting to find out if there was any inside help, but Securicor has so far declined to comment.

Three armed men who held the family hostage claimed to be from the IRA, but police said they were satisfied that lovalist paramilitaries, possibly from the Ulster Defence Association, were involved More than El million in used notes and some unsigned credit cards were stolen.

None of those held captive was hurt, but police said some were gugged with adhesive type and were extremely distressed. They were held for more than four hours in a bedroom of their home in the Protestant Taughmonagh estate of south Belfast. Three armed and hooded men burst in early on Saturday morning.

The Securicor man was handed a map with instructions to go to his depot in the Stranmillis area and drive the each to Fort Road. Ballylesson. He was accompanied by a colleague and when they arrived they were confronted by three more masked gunmen. The pair were ordered out, taken to outhuildings handcuffed to window frames and booded with piclow cines.

Bags of cash were switched to a red Ford Escort van later found abandoned in the Finaghy area a few miles away and close to where the family had been held captive.

Treasure hunters fight plan for new law

Kenwood House: works by Vermeer and Rembrandt

By TIM JONES

TREASURE hunters will meet National Heritage officials today to try to avert new laws governing their discoveries. The proposals would mean they could be fined up to £5,000 and sentenced to three months in prison if they failed to report a find to a coroner within two weeks.

The current Treasure Trove law says only objects made of gold or silver, which have been deliberately buried with the intention of recovery, can be declared treasure trove and are therefore the property of the Crown. Other finds can be kept by the finder.

The Bill, heading for its third reading in Parliament. will remove the requirement to prove that objects were intentionally buried. All objects, other than coins,

which contain at least 5 per cent by weight of gold or silver and are at least 300 years old will be treasure and deemed the property of the Crown. Coins that are more than 300 years old found in hoards

will be treasure and if they

contain more than 5 per cent of precious metal. The National Heritage de-partment denies the Bill is hostile to the electronic searchers and says there are no plans to alter the practice under which detectorists who make a treasure trove find are paid the market price.

Reds in a blue funk over lack of eminence in grey

By Alan Hamilton and Peter Ball

estimated to be worth £60 mil-

lion over five years. The grey

shirt was due to be played in

that the team disliked the grey

strip, and would not be using

people out at a distance.

Players just blend into the

Ferguson said yesterday

You can't pick

for two years.

LIFE is tough when you are a Manchester United supporter. You have just shelled out £50 in the souvenir shop at Old Trafford to buy the children the new grey away strip when the players threaten to ditch it because they cannot see each taunts would be.

The team under pressure at the top of the Premiership was unexpectedly losing against Southampton, under pressure near the foot of the table, on Saturday when, at half time, manager Alex Ferguson ordered them to switch to a blue and white kit. That they were losing 3-0 had something to do with the fact that they were blending into the background, Ferguson said.

His decision will be welcomed by the club's thousands of teenage and sub-teenage followers: although they loved the two-tone grey as the perfect accompaniment to blue denim jeans, there is promise of yet another new strip on the

But the news will cause dismay among the fans' parents, who already suffer from United's aggressive marketing policy which involves bringing out a new strip at least once a season. Young Mancunians' desire to be in the front row of fashion means hundreds of thousands of pounds for the club every time there is a change of colours.

The grey strip for away games was introduced at the start of this season, and thousand of fans queued at Old Trafford to buy it. Kids on the time to change it." He denied suggestions that his team were block across Greater Mansuperstitious, and felt that chester would not be seen grey brought bad luck. United dead in last year's kit. Sup-pose, by accident, they enhave appeared five times in their grey strip: they lost four countered a Manchester of the matches and struggled to draw the fifth. supporter, how cruel the

Ken Ramsden, spokesman for the club, could not say yesterday whether the aban-United's amazing Technicolor strips are supplied under a lucrative sponsorship donment of grey would mean deal with Umbro, the vet another edition of strip foisted upon fans. "Nothing Manchester-based sportswear manufacturer. The club has been decided at the mosigned a five-year contract ment," Mr Ramsden said. with Umbro earlier this year.

There were indications yesterday that Umbro at least are receptive to Ferguson's unhappiness, and they are expected to meet United representatives today to discuss the matter. Of course we will meet them if they want to talk to us," Mr Ramsden said, "but we will not be instigating a meeting."

United off colour, page 27



All change: Cantona goes from grey to blue stripes

Rush for the BR logo now departing

By JONATHAN PRYNN

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

a HUNDREDS of British Rail's "double arrow logos are being sold off to rail enthusiasts as a momento of the fast- disappearing nationalised company. With the Government determined to

complete the BR sale before the election, the famous emblem has already disappeared from all stations, railway posters. marketing material and the inside of most trains, and will eventually be removed from tickets. However, when Rail magazine saved about 1,000 aluminium double arrows from the side of BR's former fleet of post and charter

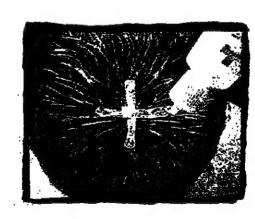
trains, it found a sale offer heavily oversubscribed. Steve Knight, the deputy editor who has two of the metal signs at home, said they had received 1.200 orders for the souvenir, priced at £34.95, with dozens more flooding in every day. A 24-hour credit card hotline has been set up.

Purchasers receive a certificate identifying which locomotive their double arrow came from. The logos, with a scrap value of £5, measure about 70cm by 30cm and weigh 5kg.

North & South Railways, the American-owned company that has bought Rail Express Systems, a former BR subsidiary that operated Post Office and charter trains has been given 40 days he

RR to remove the double arrow from all its locomotives and stationery. Most of the 16,000 former BR passenger trains sold last September had painted logos rather than a metal sign. The symbol was invented by George

Williams, director of industrial design at BR in the mid-1960s. When it was first revealed in 1964, one newspaper critic said it was like "a piece of twisted barbed wire." But Barry Doe, a transport consultant who has one on his sitting room wall, said: "Despite all the jokes, I believe that it was one of the finest logos ever invented because it is so simple." After privatisation, it will survive on



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Book condemns Macmillan plot

Queen's decision to block Butler 'damaged Crown'

OLLUDING with Harold the half-hour farewell meeting Macmillan to block the succession of R. A. Butler as Prime Minister in 1963 was the biggest political misjudgment of the Queen's reign, a new

Ben Pimlott, professor of politics and contemporary history at Birkbeck College. London, says that, faced with Macmillan's ruthless determination that Butler should not become Conservative leader, despite being the obvious can-didate, the Queen took the line of least resistance and allowed herself to be turned into a political pawn. The result was a disaster for what remained of royal discretionary power.

In a biography of the Queen published to mark her seventieth birthday next Sunday, Professor Pimlott argues: The whole sorry tale of the selec-tion of Macmillan's successor shows how easily the mon-arch, if he or she forgoes the role of arbiter, can be exploited by unscrupulous politicians with an agenda of their own."

Macmillan announced his departure in dramatic fashion, from a hospital bed where he was awaiting a prostate operation. In a reversal of usual practice, the Queen had to travel to see him and to

Butler, left, and Macmillan: loser and final victor

which Pimlott describes as "the most remarkable audience in modern monarchical history". Macmillan suggested that the Queen call on the Earl of Home as her next Prime Minister. At the time. the highly regarded Butler was Deputy Prime Minister and the favoured candidate.

Enoch Powell, the veteran parliamentarian, says in the book: The Queen was a victim of a violation of the Constitution. It is unthinkable that a Prime Minister should say 'Here is my resignation' and then 'Here's my advice." Courtiers quoted by Pimlott

recall that as soon as the Queen returned from the hospital, she expressed a wish to call on Home. One suggests: "Rab [Butler] wasn't her cup of tea. When she got the advice to call Alec [Douglas-Home] she thought, 'Thank God.' She loved Alec. He was an old friend. They talked about dogs and shooting together. They were both Scottish landown-

ers, the same sort of people, like old school friends." Lord Charteris of Amisfield. than an assistant private secretary to the Queen, recalls her almost-instant desire to summon Home: "It is interest-

change in the way the Conservative Party chose its leaders. ☐ The Princess Royal would be a more popular monarch than the Prince of Wales, according to a MORI poll on Queen. The Princess won most support with 33 per cent. against 26 per cent for the Prince. Prince William was third in the poll. with 12 per cent. The survey of 2,000 voters for tonight's World in Action programme on YTV showed that 62 per cent would vote for the monarchy in a

> ☐ The Queen: A Biography of Queen Elizabeth II, will be published by HarperCollins

such an inclination, without

had just spoken to [Macmil-

lan) had no more constitution-

al authority than any other MP, a point of which she was firmly reminded in the car on

the way back to the Palace by Adeane [her private secretary], who stressed that, as the

advice was non-constitutional.

Professor Pimlott suggests

that the wily and Machiavellian Macmillan, raking around for a stop-Butler can-didate, happened upon Home

for the very reason that he would hold strong personal appeal for the Queen: "Mac-

millan's motives were complex

and devious. The Queen's

were, as ever, simple. She wished to avoid constitutional impropriety, and believed that this was to be achieved by

taking the line of least

There was little direct criti-

cism of the Queen at the time;

Macmillan was considered

the main villain whose advice

was hard to refuse. One positive result of the debacle

was that it led to a major

she did not have to take it."



By LIN JENKINS

A GIRL who had a record three liver transplants within a fortnight is celebrating her fourth birthday by launching an appeal for more people to carry donor cards. any doubts; for the man she

Reeva Weeden was given a 2 per cent chance of survival when her condition deterio-rated so badly that a third liver transplant was her only chance of life.

At the time of the operations in April 1993 ber mother, Kelli Weeden, 26, almost gave up hope. "We never thought we would see her fourth birthday," she said. "She is a dainty girl because of the lost year, but I am so grateful she is alive."

Reeva, whose name comes from the Latin for "strength regained", was born with a severe defect of the bile duct. She was jaundiced, suffered acute skin complaints and was on antibiotics for the first weeks of her life. Efforts to repair the duct failed and she was referred to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cam-

bridge for a transplant.
"If she had not had the first transplant she would have died," her mother said. However, she developed complica-tions and had to undergo a second transplant, which also failed. The doctors thought she would not pull through. She really was very poorly and they discussed whether to give her another chance. There was also a risk of brain damage if she did survive a third transplant. In the end. she is your child and you just want her to live."

Reeva, who lives in Louth, Lincolnshire, with her parents and her sister Khaley, eight, and brother Brent, six, is heading an appeal on behalf of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation for more donors. Alan Rasmussen, the consultant who carried out the surgery, said that for a child to undergo three such operations in two weeks was an extraordinary ordeal.



Reeva Weeden: at one point doctors gave her a 2 per cent chance of survival

Body found in sports centre pool

Five people were being meet tioned by police after a 200 year-old man was found fleat in a swimming pool flag partially clothed body of Samuel phen Westwood was included after officers were called a suspected break-in at Hardwick sports centre in Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland on Saturday. A post-mortens examination and forensic tests were being carried out on Mr. Westwood, who lived in the

Murder charges

A man will appear in courts today charged with murder-ing twin brothers found in a canal with head injuries.
David Dillon, 37, amenployed, of Islington, north
London, will appear before
Highbury Corner magistrates.

Two accused

Michael Crossley, 34, of Northfleet, Kent, has been charged with the unkawful detention of Michelle Wilson. On the same charge is Steven Playle, 33, of Sidcup, who is also charged with murdering her father, David, in 1992

Britons killed

Two Britons died when their motorcycle crashed into an oil tanker near New Delhi. Alex-ander Avalpar and Lisa Genny, from Birmingham, were returning from visiting Fatehpur Sikri, an abandoned city near Agra.

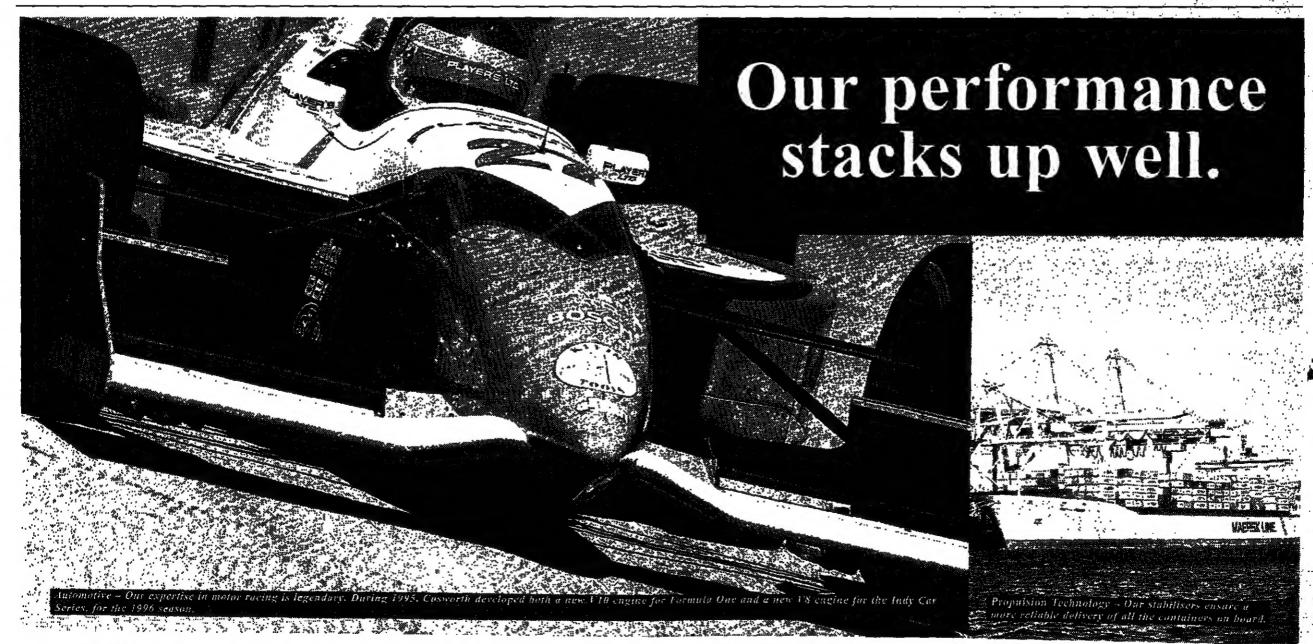
Reward demand

Gatwick Zoo has received a note demanding a reward of more than £300 for Bruce, a five-year-old South American. macaw that flew off after Jemma, its four-year-old companion, was stolen from the

£3.8m winners

Three tickets won £3.8 million each in the weekend's Nata ional Lottery draw. Statemitickets matched five mambers plus the bonus ball to win 221,342 and 933 had five balls to win £2,372.

Winning numbers, page 22



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Body found New cancer in sports surgery may save 2,500 lives a year

By Derek Prigent and Stephen Farrell

A LIFE-SAVING operation has been approved by the Royal College of Surgeons after years of campaigning by a consultant. It means that victims of rectal cancer may be able to have more specific surgery rather than a "bombing" technique in which or-gans are said to be removed

unnecessarily. Cancer of the colon and rectum is the second-biggest cancer killer in Britain after lung cancer. Bill Heald estimates that, if all surgeons adopt the technique that he has promoted, about 2,500 lives a year could be saved.

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Guidelines approved by the Royal College last week rec-ommend his technique of total mesorectal excision" in the 8,000 cases a year where cancer strikes in the lower rectum. Two thirds of patients seen by his team at the North Hampshire Hospital in Bas-ingstoke are cured, against the national average of one third. Mr Heald, 59, has performed the operation for 17 years, refining and demonstrating it to surgeons from Australia, South Africa, the United States and Europe.

Other doctors in specialist centres around Britain also use the procedure, which takes between three and six hours and often avoids the need for



Heald: five-year fight

colostomy bags. But many general surgeons still use abdomino-perineal resection. which removes far more surrounding tissue and sacrifices the anal canal, but takes a fraction of the time.

Mr Heald, who was elected vice-president of the Royal College of Surgeons at the meeting which approved the procedure, said: "I am delighted the method has received the official stamp of the college." He argues that medical advances and careful analysis of the cancer make it no longer necessary to remove all the organs and tissue previously extracted. The cancer is usual ly confined to an area of tissue around the rectum known as the mesorectum, he claims.

The difference lies entirely in precision. It has always been assumed that the old operation had to be the best because it was the biggest. But you can have less mutilation simply by being very precise,"

"Removing the anus and tissues around it is actually irrelevant to the cure of cancer, it is just easier and quicker, but less precise. It is like using a bigger bomb to destroy something rather than removing it more accurately. I think in the early years a lot of people simply didn't believe y data was correct."

Mr Heald has performed 60 operations abroad - in Nor-way, Sweden, Germany, Italy and Finland — using a £57,000 high-definition Sony backprojection system to allow other surgeons to view from adjacent rooms. A two-day demonstration will be held at the Royal College in London this week for 26 surgeons eager to learn the technique. "It has occupied five years of my life and represents a lot of personal sweat, but it has been ry satisfying," he said.

The guidelines must now go before the Department of Health for independent assessment before being ap-



Laura Jenkins, one of the last to become a registered general nurse, at Guy's

Guy's says farewell to its last trainee nurses

Guy's Hospital School of Nursing in London will graduate next month at a comwark Cathedral.

Laura Jenkins, 23, will be among the last to receive the coveted Guy's School of Nursing graduation badge. When Ms Jenkins joined Guy's School of Nursing in January 1993, she was following in the footsteps of her mother, who trained there in the late 1960s. I had no idea I would be one of the last Guy's nurses," she said. "It's a great honour, but it really is the end of an era. Guy's nurses are worldrenowned."

She will be among the last to receive the registered general nurse qualification. Nursing training has been revolu-tionised since the school became part of a new training college, the Nightingale Institute, when Guy's merged with St Thomas's Hospital in 1993. Nurses are now trained under Project 2000, which treats them more like students, with the emphasis on theory rather than ward-based experience.

Miss Jenkins said: "I was paid a salary and worked mostly on the wards, with just a few weeks here and there at college. Nursing trainees now get a bursary and spend most of their time at college."

When she became a trainee she was paid £7,000 plus overtime. Now she will receive a salary of £13,000 as a staff nurse at Guy's, where she has been offered a job. She is currently working on a gener-al surgical ward where she works eight-hour shifts, starting at either 7.15am or 1.30pm. and has every weekend off

talks to one who marks the end of an era when the ward shuts. She their status, worn over their said: "When you finish your own clothes. They were usually poor, illiterate women who

were frequently reprimanded

Cooper was 23 - the mini-

mum age - when she joined

The food was rough and

unappetising and she worked

ten-hour day shifts and 12-hour night shifts. Miss Coo-per lived with 15 other trainees

as a trainee nurse.

■ The first nurses to train at Guy's learnt

only from practical experience; Joanna Bale

training you have to apply for a job - not everyone has been as lucky as me. Some are still for being drunk and disorderly and for stealing food.

By the time the School of Nursing began things had changed dramatically. Annie Like all nurses, she feels under pressure because many trained nurses have been replaced by lesser-qualified health-care assistants. "I wish

patients, but it is still a very rewarding career," she said. Her experience is a far cry from that of Annie Cooper, who joined Guy's School of Nursing during its first year, 1880. When the hospital had opened in 1726, for "incurables", its nurses were untrained and their only uniform

we had more time to talk to the

in a dormitory in the hospital's attic. She took her meals in the basement, a small, airless The nurses at Guy's, as at was a medallion inscribed the other great voluntary hoswith the name of the ward and pitals, were divided into two groups, a smaller body of lady-pupils and a larger group of ordinary women, such as Miss Cooper. The lady-pupils paid a considerable fee for a

> into one year. They lived in the comparative luxury of the Matron's House. Miss Cooper's training was basic and the nurses could be taught only in the wards because there was nowhere else. Her duties included making swabs and dressings by stitching together pieces of cloth. She also spent much of her time scrubbing the ward floors and washing linen in the sculleries. There were no



The subtle shake and rattle that depends on role these emotions, and the be-

WHENEVER I was called out in the early hours to visit someone who was having an attack of the shakes the diagnosis was usually obvious. I went expecting to find either that the person had a rapidly developing fever and was suffering from rigors, or had been subjected to a severe shock that had left them

shaking uncontrollably. Subtle shakes, which can be pointers to disease or a sign of a hard-drinking — even dissolute - life, are a greater test of a doctor's skills. Two scien-

Edinburgh University and Dr Martin Lakie of Birmingham University, have developed a which is held in the hand and can define a shake more expertly than a doctor or barman. The results of their research were presented last week at the Edinburgh International Science Festival

Doctors classify a tremor according to its speed, the part of the body involved, its nature (whether coarse or fine) and whether it is more obvious when the patient is

active (an intention tremor). Many diseases, including Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis. Wilson's disease, and thyrotoxicosis, have char-

acteristic tremors. An unfair

assumption is that anyone

with shaking hands is recov-

ering from a heavy night's

Alcohol produces several

MEDICAL BRIEFING

can produce a shake the following day but it is not the only drug that can be to blame. Patients on some antidepressants, for instance, develop such a marked shake that their cups rattle in their saucers when they hold them.

party; delirium tremens, a terrified trembling accompanied by hallucinations. triggered when a heavy drinker gives up alcohol too quickly, and there is the coarse tremor of liver failure - flapping hands and a tongue which flickers in and

out like a viper. The tremorometer has been used to study physiologic tremors, the slight shake which many people display

when tense or anxious and

which can be enhanced by

- less cheering is the news that so do beta blockers. Physiologic tremors are common in anxiety-making professions such as journalism and medicine - a perfect excuse for medicals corres-

pondent with a fine shake.

nign hereditary tremor. For-

has confirmed the clinical

observation that a stiff drink

lessens this particular shake

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Woman to bear her own grandchild

A WOMAN aged 51 who is pregnant after an embryo implant is believed to be the first in Britain to bear her own

Edith Jones offered to act as surrogate when medical tests confirmed that her daughter had been born without a wornb. Mrs Jones said yesterday: "I am absolutely thrilled. It is early days yet but, God will show whether she is having twins. Willing, the baby, or maybe even babies. Mrs Jones, of Darlington, Co Durham. will go full term."

She is carrying an embryo created from eggs taken from her daughter, Suzanne Langston, and fertilised in a laboratory with sperm from her son-in-law, Christopher. Two embryos were implanted three weeks ago at the BMI Park Hospital in Nottingham. A scan in a few weeks' time

said: This is the only way Suzanne can have a child. This baby will not be mine. It is genetically Suzanne and Christopher's. All I am doing is lending them my

body for nine months The treatment went ahead after the case was approved by the ethics committee of





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INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

Young offenders to get taste of life in the glasshouse

By Michael Evans Defence correspondence

THIRTY-TWO young offenders are to be selected for a sentence of military discipline, including square-bashing and shoe-polishing, in the armed services' glasshouse. Forces staff will receive training to "sensitise" them to deal with civilians.

Details of the plan to send young criminals to join the 300 Army, Royal Navy and RAF offenders at the Colchester Military Corrective Training Centre in Essex will be announced on Wednesday by by Ann Widdecombe, the Pris-ons Minister, and Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces

The Government has decided to push ahead with the oneyear experiment from October, despite concern over the legal implications of plac-

THE REGIME 06.00 Parade, followed by ordered activities 13.00 Lunch

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by final roll call

...Lights out

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and Ministry of Defence have come up with a combination that will subject the offenders to a military regime under a

civilian governor. There will be no regular fraternising with service offenders, except when they share education classes and other ordered activities. "The aim is to keep them segregating civilian offenders under ed. but not apart, one MoD military law. The Home Office source said. Eight four-man ed, but not apart," one MoD

Armed guards may patrol 'super jail'

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

ARMED guards would patrol the perimeter of Britain's first super-secure jail under proposals drawn up by the Prison

Officials have also outlined plans to arm prison officers at a jail holding the country's most dangerous criminals with pepper-gas sprays. The plans will be outlined on Wednesday when the Prisons Board debates a report into a fortress-style prison that will cost about £55 million.

Sir David Ramsbotham, the new Chief Inspector of Prisons, has already said that arming prison staff would destroy the relationship be-

tween them and inmates. The proposals have been put foward as a way of reducing the multimillioncound costs of a such a jail. A senior prison service source said last night: "The service has come up with the idea of putting armed guards on the

pepper sprays to staff inside as a way of cutting costs. They think these measures would

allow lower staffing levels

inside the Jail."

Sir John Learmont recommended a super-secure prison to hold 300 dangerous prisoners and another to take 200 psychotic and volatile inmates at a capital cost of £121 million in his report on prison security published last year.

The Prison Service set up a small team to consider the report. It is understood they favour building one supersecure jail to hold high-risk and volatile inmates. ☐ The number of women in

prison has risen by 57 per cent in the past four years, almost double the rate for men, which rose by 29 per cent. Many of the 2.125 women prisoners in England and Wales are serving sentences for non-violent crimes and are first-time offenders, according to the bedrooms are being prepared for the civilians, in a central block that was originally intended for female offenders from the services. They will go

to another separated block. The civilian offenders will have to wear military fatigues but not uniforms, and there will be no rank structures. They will be expected to keep their shoes polished and trousers pressed, although not necessarily to service standards.

The regime will include incentives for behaving well. The first phase of the glasshouse sentence will be the harshest, with no luxuries. Phase two will allow some television watching - but only in black and white - and restricted communal periods. Under the final phase, those who have behaved well can watch colour television and walk around the barrack blocks on their own.

The tri-service Colchester corrective training centre has a military commandant, currently Lieutenant Colonel Glen Grant. He will have a civilian counterpart. The staff overseeing the civilian offenders will be a mixture of military and civilian. The military element will consist of one officer and half-a-dozen

Before being selected for the glasshouse, the young civilian offenders will be assessed to make sure they are psychologically suited for a military regime. Colchester is seen by the services as harsh but fair. Civilian offenders will have to make constructive use of their time, including education classes and farm work.

The experiment will be financed by the Prison Service. The Colchester centre was rebuilt in the 1980s and became the sole glasshouse for all three services last year. Its capacity is being increased from 212 to 325.

☐ The Prison Service is to open a boot camp for 60 young men aged 18-21 at Thorn Cross Young Offender Institution near Warrington in September. They will spend 26 weeks doing daily drill. learning skills such as literacy, personal hygiene, and finance, and



Each home on the estate will be built with its own hangar. The runway of the wartime airfield, below, will be at the heart of the estate



Airpark offers departure from the des res

By ALEXANDRA WILLIAMS

PARKING spaces for aircraft will be provided alongside homes on an executive housing estate approved by councillors in rural Somerset. The scheme will allow residents to fly directly from their homes to business meetings. .

The estate will be at a

former wartime airfield in Henstridge. Home-owners will pay £1,000 a year to use the 800-metre runway. Flying will be restricted to between bam and l0pm.

The airpark idea came from the United States, where there are more than 500. The largest, Spruce Creek in Florida. has 900 homes costing from about £50,000 to £1.5 million. One-acre plots at Henstridge will cost £100,000 and fam-

ilies will pay from about £200,000 to have their home. and hangar built. A similar scheme in Shropshire was dropped because of local ob-

The project has attracted interest from aerial photographers, engineers, accountants and aircraft dealers. There are 7,709 privately owned aircraft registered by the Civil Aviation Authority. South Somerset District

Council has approved the plans, subject to agreement on flight times, numbers and landscaping. The site owner. Kedgeworth, is awaiting a decision from John Gummer. the Environment Secretary. The application is close to Mr Gummer's desk so a decision is imminent." a spokesman said. Kedge-



Keith Pierson: scheme is based on American idea

worth, a family firm, bought the airfield ten years ago when more space was needed for its earthmoving business. Delays at Heathrow will be a thing of the past for these

of the company, said. "They will be able to leave their front door, step into their aircraft and be in the air within minutes. We are ready to start work and we are feeling confident. The noise survey employment and an alternative means of travel which would have less environmenral impact."

John Shaw, area planning manager for South Somerset District Council, said: "We are mindful to approve it. We argue that it conforms to the structure plan and that the community will benefit." Kedgeworth says 400 jobs may be created.

Reaction in neighbouring villages on the Somerset-Dor-set border is divided. Henry Best, Somerset chairman of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "No one wants noise exactly, but we would sooner see development on derelict land than green fields. Any anxiety is fear of the unknown."

St George loses out to traffic

By LIN JENKINS

ENGLAND'S main celebration to mark St George's Day has been cancelled. Hundreds of cadets were to have paraded with a band in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenoraph in honour of those who died for thier country.

The ceremony would have meant closing Whitehall to traffic. Instead, only a handful of people will weave in and out of the buses and cars to place a wreath at the monument in the middle of the road after the Metropolitan Police decided that roadworks on Westminster Bridge prevented them from closing Whitehall.

army cadets and the St John Ambulance drill squad were to have taken part in the ceremony. David Odell, general secretary of the Royal Society of St George, said: "As a society we are attempting to promote the Englishness of being English people. The ceremony was to preserve the memory of those who inspired us in the past and remind people of those who served the

He said that the society lamented the lack of any formal marking of St-George's Day. While the heritage industry, with its themed sites and interactive attractions, might remember the day, that amounted to "Disney history", Mr

Abortions rose by 9% after Pill health scare

MORE than 800 extra abortions were carried out by the British Pregnancy Advisory Service in the wake of last year's scare over the safety of some contraceptive Pills.

Most of the 9.5 per cent rise between last December and February was believed to be a result of women stopping using the Pill because of the health alert. The BPAS said 41 Pill immediately and 61 per cent did not finish their cur-

The figures were based on a survey of 28 of the charity's clinics shortly after the Committee on Safety of Medicines warned of greater risk of deep-vein thrombosis from "third-generation" Pill. The BPAS performs about 18 per cent of legal abortions in

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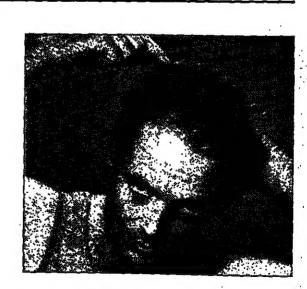
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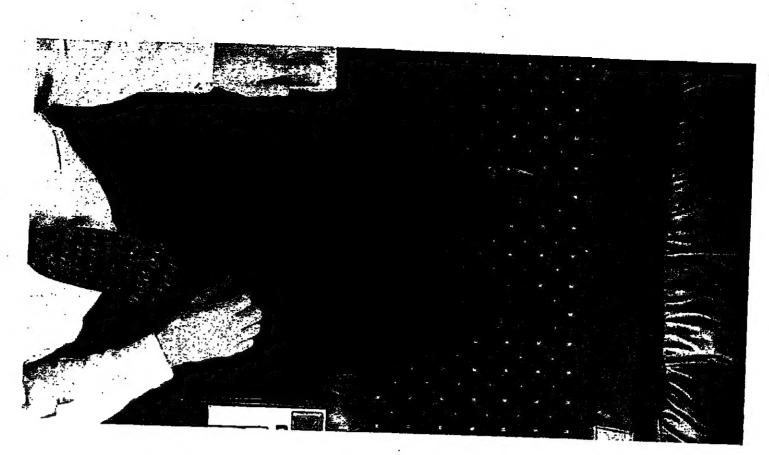
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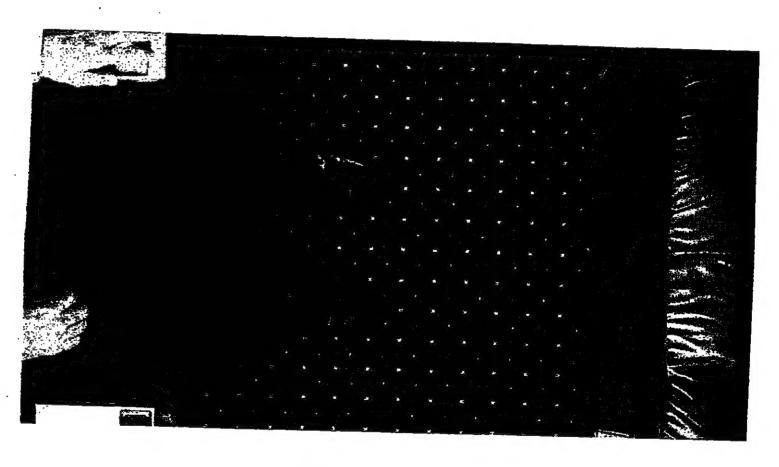
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Shops locked in legal dispute over 'first and only' claim for delicacy that began as a cook's blunder

Bakewell pudding maker fights for just desserts

IT IS the food said to have sustained Jane Austen when she was writing Pride and Prejudice and is the subject currently sustaining much de-bate in Bakewell. The issue is, whence the pudding?

Bakewell pudding, commonly and mistakenly referred to as the Bakewell tart. egg and sugar recipe at the centre of a legal dispute that may end up in Brussels, Baker is set against baker in the 12,000 puddings are sold each week. Bloomers Original Bakewell Pudding Shop and The Old Original Bakewell Pudding Shop both claim that they alone make the "original" pudding from an authentic

secret recipe. Marian Wright, owner of Bloomers, put up signs last year claiming to be the "first and only" maker of original Bakewell pudding. The Old Original asked her to remove the words. She refused. Her



Oven-ready at Old Original Bakewell Pudding Shop

ers, along with its goodwill

and what she claims to be the

original pudding recipe, from the Bloomer family a year ago.

She sells a wide range of foods

as well as the pudding. The sign outside reads: "The first

and only: Bloomers Original

Bakewell Pudding. Estab-

lished 1889. Connoisseurs Home Bakers." She said: "In

my view I'm doing nothing

wrong. Bloomers have had the

original recipe in their family

four generations. The

rival has now taken her to court. The case was due to be heard in court three weeks ago but was postponed.

Kevin Gannon, manager of The Old Original Bakewell Pudding Shop, said: "She claims Bloomers to be the first and only'. It is not." His shop had a recipe from the 1860s. When asked if it mattered who had the original recipe he paused and breathed deeply:

other shop has picked on the wrong lady." Ms Wright has hired a barrister and also intends to get a European Commission ruling on the pudding. Brussels can authorise a "protected designation of origin notice", which would not stop others from making a pudding with another recipe, but could pre-vent them from calling it a Bakewell pudding.

The question of who, anyone, has the original pudding recipe causes great de-bate in the town. It is agreed the mid-1800s when a cook at the White Horse, now the Rutland Arms, made a mis-take with her cooking and produced the Bakewell pudding. Customers at the Wheatsheaf pub, in the centre of Bakewell, demonstrated the heat of the conflict.

George Pearson, 55, a landscaper, was adamant about who had the original recipe.
"I'm telling you that John Bloomer has the original recipe," he said, wagging



Marion Wright with her Bakewells, said to be cooked from the original recipe

finger at a friend. "Bloomer is the only one. It came from the Rutland and ended up with

Carl Holmes, 35, a former cook, shook his head: "I believe The Original Pudding Shop has the recipe, and only the cooks who make the

pudding know what the secret ingrédient is. To be honest, does it really matter? I don't even like Bakewell pudding."

Helen Lamb owns the Bakewell Pudding Parlour, which also makes the puddings. She does not claim to possess a paper copy of the

cook who used to work at The Old Original Pudding Shop: He brought the recipe with him and we call our puddings 'traditional'. There's room for everyone to make puddings in

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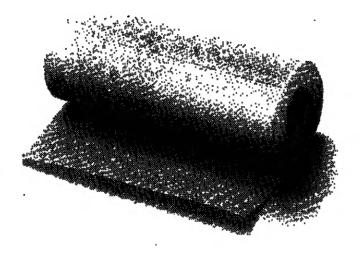
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SAS men guard rare birds' eggs

A DETACHMENT of SAS troops have dug themselves to an ancient oak forest in mid-Wales to protect one of Britain's rarest birds of prey from egg collectors.

Equipped with security and surveillance devices, the soldiers are keeping a day-andnight watch on red kites, which have just begun their

Once common throughout the land, red kites - which have a 5ft wingspan - be-came extinct in England and Scotland in 1880 but managed to ding on in the depths of Wales. Although they are making a comeback, the birds are still threatened and their: eggs highly sought by illegal collectors prepared to take extreme risks to attain them.

The SAS men are guarding training, using infra-red sec-urity devices developed during the Gulf War. They are equipped with night-vision sights and have surrounded the nesting trees with pres-sure pads that set off alarms if anyone steps on them.

If they apprehend any poacher, they will establish their identities and pass on details to the Royal Society for

Williams of the RSPB said: "It is fantastic to know the kites have such protection. It. frees our officers for other

Mr Williams that, said despite maximum fines of £5,000 for each rare egg stolen, the law was not tough enough. The law must be changed to enable collectors to be given community service sentences and stiffer penalties.

The extraordinary thing is that the eggs have no value on the open market. The collec-tors' behaviour appears to be one of total obsession. They appear to gain a sense of security by having as com-



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RICHARD DAWKINS, the controversial Oxford biologist, will argue at a Times! Dillons forum that Darwin has the answers to all Nature's complexities. The forum, to be held on Thursday, April 25, marks the publication of Professor Dawkins's latest book, Climbing Mount Improbable (Viking, £20). He will discuss the difference between accident and design in Nature and will show how DNA, the molecule of life, has propressed through declarical time to great life, has progressed through geological time to create our rich variety of plant and animal life.

Chaired by Sir John Maddox, the former editor of

Nature, the forum will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WCI, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 (concessions £7.50), which include £3 off the price of Professor Dawkins's book, are available by phoning 0171-915 6613, by faxing the coupon below on 0171-915 6611, or by sending the coupon and your remittance to Dillons, 82 Gower Street, london WCIE 6EQ where tickets are also be surphessed. London WCIE 6EQ, where tickets can also be purchased.

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'Israel started this. Shimon Peres is using the flesh and blood of our people to win his election'

Attacks drive refugees into Hezbollah's arms

others numb and dazed, sat on the grass outside Sidon's chaotic town hall listening to a tinny radio detailing the "criminal attacks of the evil Zionists" on the towns and villages they had abandoned in fear a few hours earlier.

Here no one blamed Hezbollah for their misery. Israel's latest blitz was once again in danger of serving only to glorify Hezboliah as the sole organisation willing and able to challenge the

When the Israelis fire rock-ets on our children, we must respond," said Khaled Hussein, whose niece. Huda, ten, was one of four girls killed when an Israeli helicopter fired a rocket into an ambulance crammed with refugees on Saturday. "It was clearly marked as a village ambu-lance," he said, speaking soft-ly, still in shock. "The bodies are in Tyre hospital and we cannot bury them because the Israelis are attacking the city."
Photographs of the bodies of

the four children and two women, carried on the front and broadcast on local television, caused a deep sense of revulsion and outrage.



Michael Theodoulou in Sidon joins the terrified and angry refugees forced north by the Israeli ultimatum to leave their homes in Tyre

from Tyre, his grey-stubbled jaw quivering with anger, children clutched at his shabby jacket. "What is their future? We have nothing to eat and nowhere to go," he said, clutching at a set of worry beads. "The only people who do not like Hezbollah now are Britain and America."

The fourth consecutive day of Israeli air raids spawned another exodus of refugees after Israel gave the 200,000 inhabitants of the ancient port city of Tyre an ultimatum to leave their homes. A similar number had already fled other towns and villages across a broad swath of southern

The coastal road north of Tyre was a swollen river of refugees. Many fled within minutes of last night's Israeli battered Mercedes taxis over-flowed with people and their belongings. Groups of Leba-

anti-aircraft guns along the

Inside Sidon's town hall, where the local authorities were arranging shelter for more refugees in schools and mosques, Bilal Qasim Salih, six, lay expressionless on a foam mattress, his right arm in a sling. It was broken in two places by shrapnel from an Israeli helicopter attack on Saturday.

His mother, Hanieh, 32, spoke of an uncertain future. thought Tyre was. Today we think it is Sidon, Is Beirut even

Israel promptly answered her question with an air raid on a power station seven miles southeast of the capital. cutting electricity to parts of the the day with the sound of antiaircraft fire. More air raids targeted the Shia southern suburbs of the city.

The second wave of air strikes on Beirut in less than a week was another blow to the

man for the organisation.

and often pausing to take calls on his mobile telephone, he added: "Israel started this cycle of violence and Israel must be the first to end it.

"We are not fighting because we want to fight. We have no choice: they are occupying our land and killing our people. Do not say because we are weaker we should give in. Israel is not so strong. Look at the Vietnamese. Did they stop because America was stronger?"

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has been spending millions of pounds rebuilding the capital shattered by 15 years of civil war that ended in 1990. Until last week Beirut had

been cocooned from the war of attrition in the south. Now its revival as the Middle East's cultural and financial centre is imperilled and the people despondent. Foreign investment is threatened and the authorities are once again

The Government, dismayed by Washington's fulsome supeffective Arab backing, feels powerless to halt the worsenng cycle of violence. "Alone, Lebanon faces the indifference of the world," a Lebanese

Damascus and Beirut say Hezbollah has every right to fight Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon, although Rafiq Hariri, the Prime Minister, says that if Israel withdraws he will guarantee the security of its northern border. The message from Hezbollah, riding a crest of popu-

larity, was bellicose and uncompromising. It vowed to unleash its "human bomb battalions" and said it would keep lobbing Katyusha rock-ets across the border. At a Hezbollah press office

in Beirut's southern slums, guarded by a bearded fighter wearing an American helmet and carrying an MI6 assault said: "[Shimon] Peres [Israel's Prime Minister] is using the flesh and blood of our people to win his election."

Speaking fluent English



Militants rain rockets on Galilee ghost town

IN KIRYAT SHMONA

SOLDIERS and a lone jourgers on the last bus yesterday neading for towns along Israel's northern border with

More than half of the 22,000 residents have deserted the Shmona, which was hit three times yesterday by rockets fired by Hezbollah guerrillas

from southern Lebanon. The town is effectively under Israeli military rule and shortly before 6pm loudspeakers announced that all remaining residents should head for bomb shelters. When the announcement ceased an eerie silence descended over the town, where only a couple of cafés remain open for the patronage of Israelí soldiers.

Aaron Levin, originally

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from California, has lived in the town for 17 years. He said a loud "whooshing" noise was the only sure way of detecting another rocket attack. If you can hear it in time, it has a whoosh to it and I run to the nearest place for shelter," he said. As for the three attacks yesterday, he said they did not disturb the tranquillity in any of the streets where he had

strolled during the day. "I didn't even hear them, he said. A community worker, he visited three bomb shelters last night to distribute food and found them all empty.

Asked how he felt when hearing of the news that Israeli missiles had struck an ambulance in south Lebanon, killing innocent women and children, Mr Levin replied: "It

Sometimes it is fate ... and Mr Levin said Hezbollah

had provoked the Israeli military campaign by its own attacks on towns such as Kiryat Shmona. He said the Islamic fundamentalist organisation was attempting to de-Mr David Rosenbaum, a

bank worker, said he was unmoved by the news that the Israeli strikes had killed innocent civilians in Lebanon including those travelling inside an ambulance. "We told the people in every possible communication to evacuate South Lebanon," he said. "The responsibility is in their own

Mr Rosenbaum was one of only two staff members at the branch yesterday which was ordered closed by the military authorities. His duties now are to ensure that the auto matic teller machine is full. Asked whether he was scared renewed threats by Hezbollah, Mr Rosenbaum replied: "I was born in Israel. I am used to this kind of living." Amman: Leila Khaled, who hijacked an American airliner in 1969, was barred by Israel from entering the West Bank. She had planned to attend a debate on ending the Palestine National Council's call for the destruction of the Jewish

state. (Reuter)

Security blackout on 'British bomber'

BY MICHAEL DYNES

ISRAEL imposed an indefinite ban yesterday on the publication of details about the identity of a bomb-maker with a British passport who appears to have blown himself up during an explosion in his Jerusalem hotel on Friday. A Jerusalem magistrates court issued the order prohibiting the disclosure of any

details about the investigation concerning the injured man. his name, or the documents

found in his possession. A British passport issued in the name of Andrew Newman was found among the effects of the homber. The au ties are still trying to establish whether the suspect is the passport's legitimate owner.

One rumour in Israeli diplomatic circles last night was that the bomber may be a British Jew who was intent on blowing up the Muslim Holy Places, including the Al Aqsa mosque. The bomber was seriously injured when the device he was thought to be making exploded in the Hotel Lawrence, a down-market hotel in east Jerusalem.

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Peres's military options limited by ties with US

By Michael Evans. Defence correspondent

ISRAEL'S military options in fighting its old enemy, the Hezbollah terrorist organisation in Lebanon, are limited unless it is prepared to risk damaging the Middle East peace process and its strategic relationship with the US.

There are serious political implications whenever Israel takes military action against its neighbours. However, any further encroachment on Lebanese sovereign territory could begin to unravel the web of peace deals which in recent years have helped to create a more stable region.

potential military options **TACTICS** would seem both unrealistic and politically dangerous. The

first would be a full-scale invasion of Lebanon, a repeat of Operation Peace in Galilee in 1982. The second would be an attempt to extend the security zone established by the Israelis in southern Lebanon in 1985 to provide security for Israel's northern border.

A full invasion would be militarily and politically disastrous. It is inconceivable that Washington - upon whose political support and military equipment Israel relies - would allow another invasion of Lebanon. The repercussions would be damaging for President Clinton. who has devoted much of his foreign policy efforts towards building a more comprehen-sive Middle East peace

strategy. An invasion would stretch Israel militarily, and the risks would be even greater than in 1982 because Israeli forces would find themselves confronting a strong Syrian military presence in Lebanon. currently standing at about 30.000 troops.

Israel cannot contemplate a military conflict with Syria at a time when it is hoping to complete a comprehensive Middle East peace package by signing an agreement with the Syrians. Already, Israeli Apache helicopters armed with Hellfire missiles have "inadvertently" hit a Syrian anti-aircraft battery.

Extending the security zone in southern Lebanon would raise similar political objections. The zone which runs from 7-12 miles wide east to west across (srael's northern border was set up to try to prevent Palestine Liberation Organisation units from launching Katyusha rocket attacks on kibbutz communi-

ties in the area. The zone is patrolled by the Israeli-trained and equipped South Lebanese Army, but since the zone was set up, the proxy Israeli force has failed to stop attacks by Hezbollah, who have re-

placed the PLO in threatening Israel's northern border. Francis Tusa. a Middle East expert, said it would be perfectly feasible militarily for Israel to extend the security zone, but, again, Washington and Israel's peace

Jordan, would object. The third option, an operation to clear out all Hezbollah units from southern Lebanon. appears to be the only realistic one for Israel. But even this military venture can only be shortlived, for fear of irreparably damaging relations in

treaty partners, Egypt and

the whole region.
It may be in the political interests of Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, to demonstrate a hawkish approach in the lead-up to next month's general election, but a prolonged "sweep and clear" operation could have the same damaging consequences in the region.

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Clinton looks for electoral pay-off from world tour

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton left Washington last night for a week-long trip that will take him round the world and, aides hope, boost his stature at home before November's presidential election.

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in his election.

Mr Clinton will visit South Korea and Japan, where he emphasise America's commitment to the region's security in the face of recent Chinese and North Korean threats, and Russia, where he will seek subtly to enhance President Yeltsin's re-election prospects while attending an international summit on the control of nuclear materials.

The President "will confront ome of the oldest and newest challenges to the security of our nation, from the last unresolved problem of the Cold War - stability on the Korean peninsula - to one of the most urgent new threats we face, nuclear smuggling".

THE Japanese Government

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FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said. In the meantime, Bob Dole,

Mr Clinton's Republican opponent in November, has postponed a speech on Asia next Monday because he cannot decide what to say. He and fellow Republicans differ on whether to emphasise China's poor human rights record, thus making it harder to renew China's preferential trading status. Mr Dole has supported Taiwanese mem-bership of the United Nations, but some of his political advisers are warning him against an open break with America's long-standing "One China"

Today Mr Clinton will meet President Kim Young Sam of South Korea on Cheju Do island. This short stop was added to the itinerary only recently and the aim is to demonstrate American sup-

alliance and made them more

receptive to American pres-sure to share the defence

With the end of the Cold

War the alliance is no longer

aimed at deterring the Soviet

Union. But as the Pentagon

confirmed in a study last year,

bases in Japan are vital to America's forward deploy-

ment strategy, which allows a

quick response to conflicts in

the region stretching from

East Asia to the Gulf. It

described the relationship

with Japan as the "linchpin"

of America's security policy in

Korean incursions into the demilitarised zone separating the two Koreas. In yesterday's Washington Post, William Perry, the De-

port for South Korea in the

light of this month's North

fence Secretary, threatened nuclear retaliation if Pyongyang ever used chemical weapons against South Korea.

Tomorrow Mr Clinton begins the state visit to Japan he postponed last November because of the American budget crisis. He will seek to strengthen a crucial US-Japanese security alliance threatened by growing resentment of the 47,000 American servicemen based in Japan. That resentment reached boiling point last September after three US servicemen raped a 12-year-old Okinawa girl.

On Friday, America announced the closure of a US air force base in Okinawa. Mr Clinton is expected to announce other concessions, including a further consolida-tion of American military bases, while emphasising in a speech to the Japanese parliament and during a visit to a US aircraft carrier that the 100,000 American troops in East Asia are there to stay.

For once, because it is an election year, Mr Clinton will be happy to downplay the trade conflicts that have long bedevilled American-Japanese

He will visit a Tokyo Chrys ler dealership to show how his Administration has begun opening up the Japanese car market, but will play down continuing disputes over Japanese barriers to American photographic film, semi-con-



Cindy Crawford, the American supermodel, attends an Easter service in Yelokhovsky Cathedral, Moscow, where appearing in church is fashionable with politicians (Richard Beeston writes). President Yeltsin yesterday took his re-clee-

A fashionable place to be

tion campaign to the half-built Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and received the essing of Patriarch Aicksi

II, head of the Orthodox which was destroyed by Stalin, stands as a reminder of communist brutality and the votes of the faithful could be crucial for the Russian leader in the race for the

Shot mugger sues vigilante for \$50m damages

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK is again debating the actions of a white man who defended himself against four young black toughs by producing a gun and riddling them with bullets.

In 1987 Bernhard Goetz, the "subway vigilante", was acquitted of criminal assault, but this week a Bronx court will resume a civil action brought by one of the youths who menaced him for money. They approached him on a subway train one December night in 1984 and demanded \$5 (£3.30). This time the amount is ten million times bigger: Darrell Cabey, crippled by Mr Goetz's gunburst, is suing for \$50 mil-

lion in damages.
In the 1987 trial the gangly Mr Goetz, an electrician, exercised his right to remain silent. This time, to the dismay of his supporters, he has had to speak at length. Ron Kuby, Mr Cabey's lawyer, has followed the example of Johnnie Cochrane, O.J. Simpson's deence lawyer, and has played the race card.

Mr Goetz, speaking in a steady manner, said that he was "set off" by the smile and shiny eyes of one of the youths. The jury of blacks and Hispanics heard him confirm that he once said that the "only way to clean up these streets is to get rid of the niggers and the spics". That allowed Mr Kuby to say later, in front of the press, that "this guy comes across as a real Nazi".

With the trial being televised live nationally, Mr Kuby

also succeeded in getting Mr Goetz to boast that, after shooting Mr Cabey for the first time, he said "you den't look too bad -- here's another" before pulling the trigger a

"I was trying to get as many of them as I could," said Mr Goetz, whose habit of leaning back in his chair after speaking into the microphone accentuated the impression of selfsatisfaction. With his pinched face, wire-framed spectacles and white, open-necked shirt, he came across as a cold man.

Mr Goetz described the rush of emotions he felt on firing the bullets, and said that the world would be a beller place if undesirables were killed. Mr Kuby then had Mr Goetz agree that he considered gouging out one of the youths' eyes with his keys after the attack. "I could have." Mr Goetz said. "It was a thought

that crossed my mind."
The right wing has long held Mr Goetz as a man to admire, but the manner of his delivery has made him a less potent symbol for middle-class fear in an uncertain world. He said that he used hollow bullets to cause as much damage as possible and smirked when he recounted a previous time he pulled his gun on a would-be mugger. The man, who had previously been full of menace, "turned grey and his legs buckled".

It will be up to Mr Goetz's counsel to try to present a more sympathetic image.

Woman who says Mike Tyson bit her fears 'death threats'

CHICAGO police hope to interview today a beautician who claims that she was bitten on the face by Mike Tyson, the

LaDonna August, 25, a divorcée, has so far proved reluctant to tell investigators her side of the sexual assault complaint she made last week. Mr Tyson, 30, met her in a Chicago nightclub and, she says, sank his teeth into her cheek after they kissed. He denies the allegation.

Paul Jenkins, a police official, said yesterday: "The investigation continues. We have had no opportunity yet to talk to the alleged victim. The

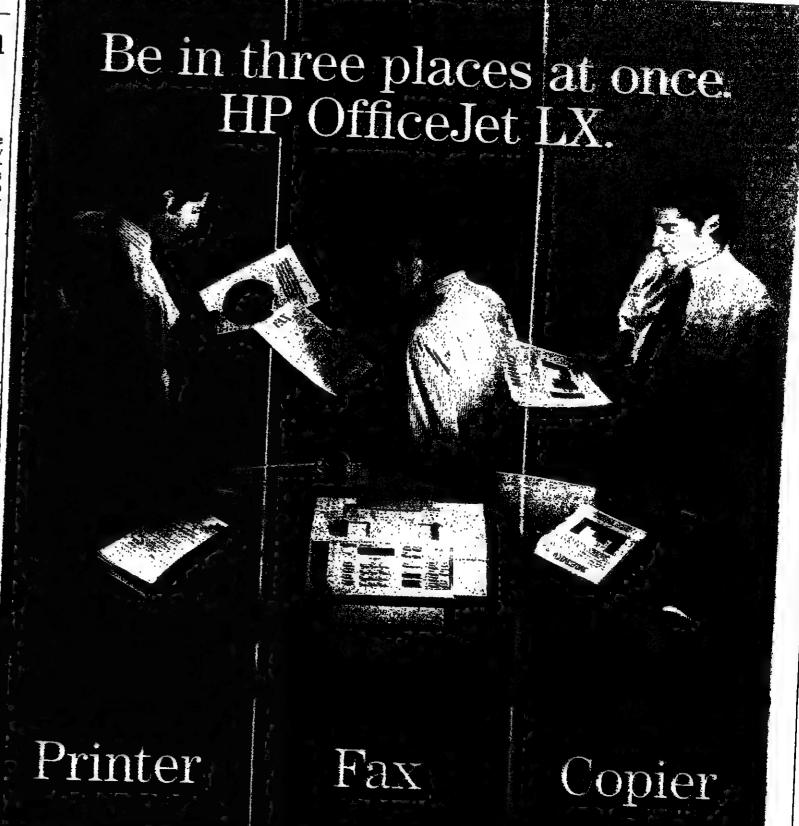
indications are that she will be after seeing her on the dance available tomorrow." Mrs August's lawyer said that her failure to attend a planned with the police was caused by her fear of attack.

"She has had death threats," Jerry Peteet said. "One of her concerns is that she does not want someone to hurt her child." Mr Peteet said she was having trouble sleeping, such was her disquiet Her failure to meet the

police has led to suggestions that Mrs August regrets making her complaint. She and Mr Tyson met at the Clique, a slinky Chicago night club. She

floor. Mr Tyson's friends say that nothing untoward happened and have paint August as an opportunist who was keen to meet the celebrated boxer.

Mrs August has not been helped by her "friends". One, Tammy Battle, said last week that she went to the club hoping to meet Mr Tyson. Another, Lillian Sampson, said Mrs August was "all for the money - she is a bitch if there ever was one". Melvin August, Mrs August's former father-in-law, said she was a gold-digger who left his son once the money was gone".



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Six die in blast at Imran Khan cancer hospital

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN LAHORI

A POWERFUL bomb yesterday devastated a charitable cancer hospital in Lahore founded by Imran Khan, the former Pakistani cricketer, killing six people and wounding at least 25. The attack may have been meant as a warning to Mr Khan to stay out of

The bomb went off in an airconditioning duct close to a waiting area at Shaukad Khanum memorial hospital, named after Mr Khan's mother, who died of cancer. The reception area, chemotherapy ward and part of the cafeteria were destroyed. Several vehi-cles parked outside were damaged, and pieces ofbroken glass were scattered around. More than 150 patients were in the lounge when the explo-sion occurred. A 12-year-old boy and two other patients were killed on the spot. The others died later. The wounded, many of them critical, were taken to a state-run city

Officials of a bomb disposal squad said they had yet to determine the cause of the explosion.

Mr Khan, who had been expected to announce in a day

that the explosion was intended to intimidate him. "It was the work of a savage or an animal because human beings cannot do such a thing to a hospital. The bombing cannot discourage me from the work I am doing."
Mr Khan said the hospital

unspecified "terrorists",

ment's supporters. Specula-

tion about his ambitions has

been gaining momentum since November, when he and

his wife rode around Lahore

in a cavalcade. The ostensible

aim was to raise money for the

hospital, but commentators

said it seemed more like a

would continue functioning. He has called for an investigation. According to one estimate, millions of pounds worth of hospital equipment was destroyed.

Mr Khan's wife. Jemima, the Goldsmith heiress, was to fly to Pakistan from London last night. A spokesman for Mrs Khan, who converted to Islam before her marriage last summer, said: "Jemima is obviously devastated. It has been a tragic day for the hospital and she's making every effort to get back to Lahore as quickly as possible." The multimillion-pound

Shaukat Khanum hospital was opened last year and took almost ten years to complete. The cost of building the hospital was met through donations personally collected by Mr Khan. The hospital, the most modern in Pakistan, treats more than 8.000 cancer pa-

Mr Khan was planning to launch his own political party



Aftermath of the blast at the Shaukad Khanum cancer hospital in which six died

Tutu truth-seekers ready to unlock dark secrets of past

FROM INIGO GILMORE

ON THE stroke of 9am today, the city hall in East London, in South Africa, will fall silent as Archbishop Desmond Tutu bows his head in prayer to mark the opening of Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings which in the weeks ahead will catapult South Africa into a painful potentially divisive exposé of its bloody past.

Two years after democratic elections closed the door on more than four decades of brutal political

of its kind ever constituted is poised to unlock apartheid's dark secrets. Over the next 18 months, with an optional six-month extension. Archbishop Tutu, the commission chairman, and his 16 multiracial commissioners face the task of guiding the nation along the path of reconciliation by confronting, exposing and, they hope, exorcising the past.

The purpose of the commission, ecording to legisation, is to establish "as complete a picture as possible" of the nature, causes and extent of gross violations of human

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information very quickly, as well as the confidence

It requires an ability to assimilate complicated

1960, when 69 black protesters in Sharpeville, south of Johannesburg, were shot dead by the police, until December 1993, when a democratic constitution was in place.

Those who come forward to confess politically motivated crimes will be granted amnesty from prosecu-tion. The commission will provide counselling and decide on reparations for victims.

The theory is that victims will be soothed and their oppressors sultably humiliated and then the country can stride forward in harmony.

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have to calmly talk a pilot down who's dangerously

low on fuel and having to 'fly blind' in thick fog.

However, many South Africans are sceptical. The commission has run into stiff opposition from both ANC opponents and victims.

Archbishop Tutu's commissioners, who have powers of subpoena, are backed by investigative units and can authorise them to break into public buildings and homes.

The family of Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness leader who died in police custody, is opposed to amnesty and wants people who committed crimes to be prosecuted. Last week the Bikos and three other families launched a constitutional

court case to suspend hearings, but their challenge has scant chance of success and Archbishop Tum has expressed his dismay at the move, saying: "We have the support of the vast majority of [the] people."

Ramaphosa quits: Cyril Ramaphosa, the African National Congress secretary-general who is widely tipped as a future South African President, has announced he is leaving parliament for a senior post in a black business conglomerate. He is only 43 and it would be foolhardy to assume that his move rules out a political comeback.

held up by Karadzic survival FROM REUTER

AID donors, led by the United States, increased pressure on Bosnian Serb hardliners at the weekend when they pledged more than \$1.2 billion (£800 million) for Bosnia, but said that little would go to the Serbs while their war leaders remained in office.

Sanctions, such as with-holding economic aid, may be applied to any faction breaking the terms of the Dayton peace accord, which includes the banning from office and handing over of indicted war criminals such as Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and Ratko Mladic, his army chief.

We all agree that it is imperative that they not re-main in power," Lawrence Summers, the Deputy US Treasury Secretary, told re-porters at the end of the 50nation aid conference on Bosnia. The big losers at this conference are the Bosnian

Serb people."

Carl Bildt, the international community's leading repre-sentative in Bosnia, gave a warning of more sanctions if the two men were allowed to remain in power much longer.

Contrary to early assurances that most of the money expected to reach \$5.1 billion over the next four years - would be run through the international institutions in order to ensure impartiality. each donor country can pick the reconstruction projects it wants to contribute to. Diplomats said that this meant the bulk of the reconstruction money would go to the Muslim-Croat Federation, at least until the Bosnian Serbs had dropped their present leaders. Sarajevo: Haris Silajdzic, the former Bosnian Prime Minister, announced the formation of a new political party and his candidacy for President at the weekend. The New Party for Bosnia-Herzegovina. with its ticket of Muslim, Serb and Croat candidates, is pro-

moting a multi-ethnic Bosnia. UK Bosnia contracts, page 44

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ROYAL AIR FORCE CONTROLLE



Liberian pullout cut back

Washington: The Pentagon began to scale back its hazard ous evacuation operation in Liberia yesterday (Martin Fletcher writes). At the same time a brief ceasefire collapsed and Monrovia, the capital; was swept by renewed looting and violence.

About 1,700 foreigners, including several Britons, have been rescued by US helicopters since the operation began. in the war-torn city. Those evacuated to Sierra Leone include UN personnel.

Editor with Aids virus resigns

Washington: Andrew Sulfivan. 32, the young British editor of America's New Republic magazine, has resigned and disclosed he is HIVpositive (Martin Fletcher writes). He told his staff he has had the Aids virus for nearly. three years but remains healthy. He was resigning. because five years as editor was enough.

Chechenia exit by Russians begins

Moscow: Russian forces are expected to begin a partial withdrawal from Chechenia today in advance of peace negotiations (Richard Beeston writes). But Lieutenant-General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, the Russian commander, made clear that they would be redeployed "if the situation gets more complicated".

New Dole aide forced to resign

Washington: Just days after announcing that she was join-ing Bob Dole's presidential campaign, Mary Matalin, the wife of James Carville, one of President Clinton's top campaign strategists, has been forced out by a barrage of Republican criticism (Martin

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Blair's Euro-thinkers need to sharpen their ideas on thorny social chapter ou might think that London already con-tained enough think-

informal or actual advisers to Labour and the centre's semiranks generating ideas for narists and pamphleteers will Tony Blair, but you would be not be backing Conservative wrong. Stand by for the impending launch of the Centre for European Reform. policy on Europe, whatever that may be. The very name "Centre for European Re-Strictly speaking, the new policy factory will be independent of political parties and its board is sprinkled with luminarias and its control of the sprinkled with luminarias and its sprinkled with luminarias and its control of the sprinkled with luminarias and form" expresses the very image that new Labour desires: Euro-enthusiasm tempered by practical realism. with luminaries such as Lord Gillmore of Thamesfield (for-I have a modest proposal mer head of the Foreign

for a thorny problem which the centre should tackle, but which the gurus may over-look on the ground that Labour already has a policy on the issue. Mr Blair needs a better position on the social



have begun to think in previously unthinkable directions.

which signed the social clauses of the Maastricht treaty may be hurting the party in the polls and is plainly hurting it with busi-nessmen. Last week's MORI poll in The Times showed Labour lagging behind the Tories on only a handful of issues, including Europe. But the difference was only 31-26. Come the campaign, Tory fire will rain down on the job-destroying dangers that lurk in the ill-defined wording of the social chapter. Tories have not yet woken up to the

handed down by the Advo-cate-General of the EU court which reinterprets a (pre-Maastricht opt-out) clause in the treaty in a sense that ought to give the Government the heebie-jeebies.

Britain wants the court to declare the recent Brussels directive limiting Europe's working week to 48 hours illegal on the ground that it is not a "health and safety measure. In an opinion that has yet to be confirmed by the whole court, a French Advocate-General not only threw out the British case, but concluded into the bargain

that "the terms 'safety and health' should be interpreted broadly". These words spell future trouble. Such trouble is multiplied many times over in the spaciously vague word-

ing of the social chapter itself. Mr Blair's first attempt to get out from under these problems only dug him deeper into a hole. Last November he tried dismissing the chap-ter as a "set of principles"; but as a lawyer he should know that it is nothing of the kind. He then assured his audience that he had "no intention of agreeing to anything and everything that emerges from the EU". Because he is equally firmly committed to accepting majority-voted social law developed from the chapter. one of these two promises cannot be true.

abour's Euro-thinkers are now wondering if the social chapter might not be amended while it is being put back into the treaty - to "take the sting out for business". That might not be unpopular the European employers' group, Unice, already backs rewriting the chapter. A Labour govern-ment could enjoy both a

diplomatic honeymoon in the EU and some leverage: Prime Minister Blair could threaten to retain Britain's social opt-out unless his EU partners considered his ideas.

This thinking has not got very far. But the smart money says Robin Cook, Shadow Foreign Secretary, will pro-nounce on this at the CBI's Business in Europe" week in June. Any businessman wanting to help Mr Cook to reflect before then can send him a postcard c/o the House

GEORGE BROCK

Britain given last chance to run for 'currency' bus

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN VERONA

TT COULD already be too late for Britain to join Europe's single currency at its birth even if it decides that it wants to, according to officials from the big European powers and the Commission.

Office), Lord Dahrendorf and

Sir David Hannay (former

British Ambassador to the

EU). But its architects are all

The view emerged from a weekend meeting in Verona where European Union finance ministers gave a hefty shove to the machinery for launching the euro on January 1, 1999 and made clear that a recalcitrant Britain could be consigned to the outer rank of a three-tier monetary Europe.

Behind the polite discourse in Verona's exquisite Giustini Gardens, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, was given an iron message by his French, German and other colleagues: Britain will pay a price if it chooses to stay outside both the euro and the new exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) which the ministers agreed to set up to link other

EU currencies to the euro. Teaming up with Germany's Theo Waigel, Jean Arthuis, the French Finance Minister, said spoilers in the monetary game could not be tolerated: "We have to stop countries floating the rules, polluting the system and earnned windiaus. France led the way over the are to be picked in the early weekend with a raft of ideas.

ed, for punishing countries that gained advantage by let-ting their currencies devalue against the euro.

France and Germany told Britain it faced an urgent choice about whether to join monetary union. They would insist on enforcing the rule that requires two years of ERM membership before a country can qualify for the euro. Hans Tietmeyer, chief of the Bundesbank, brandished

> 6 We have to stop countries flouting rules and earning unjustified windfalls ?

a well thumbed copy of the treaty. "It says in Article 109J, paragraph four, that a country wishing to join a single European currency must have been two years in the ERM without

undue pressure on its exchange rate or a devaluation." Since the founder members

passed. "They have very lime time. They will have to make up their minds pretty quickly," the French Minister said. M Arthuis and Herr Waigel dis-missed Britain's argument that the shake-up in the ERM in 1993, which let currencies fluctuate much more widely. had rendered the Maastricht clause meaningless.

However, Mr Clarke and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, said that political realism would prevail and the strict rules would be overlooked, should Britain apply for membership. Mr George said: "It would be completely dotty. If you were trying to develop a process of building a common currency embracing as many countries as possible, to exclude a country which had a stable exchange rate but had not technically been in this mechanism for two years."

Lamberto Dini, the Italian Prime Minister, whose own country is outside the ERM but wants to join monetary union, said a decision on the two-year rule could wait until

Mr Clarke, a generally popular figure among his European colleagues, was given a sympathetic hearing colleagues when he sketched spring of 1998, this means the the sinister image that the deadline may already have ERM had acquired in the Brit-



Kenneth Clarke relaxes yesterday after a photo session at the European finance ministers' meeting in Verona

ish popular mind after the pound's expulsion in Septem-

ber 1992. Although only Sweden shared Britain's opposition to a new ERM, Mr Clarke shrugged off as meaningless for Britain the various schemes being floated by France, Germany and the Commission and backed by a handful of other states, for the so-called "out" members to be

subject to special surveillance

and possible penalties for allowing their currencies to devalue and their economies to diverge from the rigour laid

down at Maastricht. Although Britain still reserved the right to opt into monetary union, Mr Clarke said. "if we are out, no penalties of any kind could be imposed on the United King dom." Officials from Britain and its partner countries scoffed at the notion that London had been "ambushed" in Verona because all of the weekend ideas had been aired

publicly in recent months. Mr Clarke depicted as wishful thinking a plan by Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the monetary Commissioner, which would require non-EMU states to submit their budget plans to Brussels before their national parliaments. Nevertheless, the Commission was told to follow up the idea

which was supported by Belgium, Germany and France. M Arthuis made clear that

Britain could count on no support from the Chriac administration as he outlined his plan for sanctions on countries that sought advantage from staying outside the euro and new ERM. The plan includes reinforced surveillance for those not playing the game".

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French scent trouble over cent

By Charles Bremner

BRITAIN scored something of a victory here at the weekend when ministers decided on the coinage for the proposed new single currency, the euro.

This was not so much that the Queen's head was saved by the decision to allow national motifs on one side of the coins, since almost all of the other 15 members of the European Union also wanted to keep their own emblems. British satisfaction stems more from the euro's sub-unit being dubbed the cent.

The name, derived from Latin, was brought to the modern world with the American dollar, and is thus deemed English. Although pronounce-able in most of the EU's 11 official languages, it sounds clumsy in many and poses a special problem for Britain's old adversary and guardian of Euro-ideology, France.

Ministers had barely baptised the cent in the august surroundings of Verona's Palazzo Giusti when the French were complaining about the confusion if they applied the word, which also means a hundred. "How will you know what it means when someone says something costs 'five hundred?" a French journalist protested.

An embarrassed French Finance Minister came up with a solution. Ther us. it will ship of course be centimes." said Jean Arthuis, "Cent is just the abbreviation of centime.

Eta hostage freed after 341 days



Aldaya: anaesthetised and dumped in a wood

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FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRED

THE Basque separatist group Eta yesterday released an industrialist after holding him captive for 341 days, the longattacks. est of any of Eta's series of 76

kidnappings.
The abduction of José Maria Aldaya, 54, polarised the Basque region as never before. Thousands took part in almost daily demonstrations demanding his release. They had to run the gamut of sneering, stone-throwing separatists.

But the general relief at Señor Aldaya's liberation was clouded by a report from the Interior Ministry that more than £500,000 had been paid for his release. The sizeable. sum will almost certainly be used to finance Eta's depleted

infrastructure and to buy arms and explosives with

which to carry out further "Señor Aldaya has arrived

very fired, as would be expected when he got here under effects of what he had been given," said Ignaxio Altuna. a Basque priest acting as spokesman for the family that owns a haulage business near San Sebastian.

Señor Aldaya had been iven an anaesthetising injecnon by his captors before being dumped in a wooded mountain pass near the resort. He awoke at 1.30am and walked towards the lights of a

At the hostel he telephoned his family and then the

Basque police. His two sons collected him from a police station and took him home.

Later yesterday morning a caravan of nine cars carrying Señor Aldaya's employees arrived at the family's large house in Fuenterrabia and gave him an emotional welcome. He is not expected to give a press conference until

Government sources say Eta deliberately held Señor Aldaya longer than it needed as a warning to other Basque businessmen who refuse to pay Eta's "revolutionary tax". a blackmail system used to finance their operations. It is estimated that since 1970 Eta has obtained more than £20 million from kidnappings.



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THE WEEK **AHEAD**



DANCE

The Royal Ballet revives Frederick Ashton's *Les* **Illuminations** at Covent Garden **OPENS: Tonight**



OPERA

The great British diva Josep<u>hin</u>e Barstow sings Medea with Opera North in Leeds OPENS: Tonight REVIEW: Wednesday



MUSICALS

Elvis — The Musical, with P.J. Proby, goes on stage at the Prince of Wales Theatre **OPENS: Tonight** REVIEW: Wednesday



POP

Sonic Youth, the pioneers of the post-punk era, plast their stuff in the Forum GIG: Thursday **REVIEW: Saturday** the lines no

Stephanie Billen talks to Terry Gilliam about his new film, and about the art of getting what you want in Tinseltown

How to succeed in monkey business

the ominous slogan on the posters for Terry Gilliam's latest film, Twelve Moning" - could equally well apply to the director himself. For the subversive film-maker, once best known for his Monty Python animations, is these days the object of considerable trepidation in Hollywood.

The studios know I'm going to be trouble if I don't get my own. way." says the 55-year-old director. His reputation for being difficult began after he ar-

gued with Universal **6** I love over the ending of Brazil: they wanted something up-beat; he held out for the leaving ending by which the things loose incarcerated Jonathan Pryce can only enough that freedom through his soaring things can imagination. The bitter conflict was immortalised in a happen 9 spicy book, The Battle of Brazil.

made me sound like a madman who will kill if anyone touches my film," he recalls gleefully. The net result is that he has the final cut on his pictures — "all I ask for is total control" — his only restrictions being to come in on time and within budget.

Nevertheless, the casting of Bruce Willis as the time-traveller Cole in Twelve Monkeys was not exactly his idea. Having handed Gilliam a slightly esoteric script about a man travelling back from the future to discover the source of a virus, the studios realised they needed a big name to "open" the picture. "Hollywood is obsessed with the opening weekend and they had a lot of awful suggestions for big stars to play the lead." Such as? Gilliam replies teasingly: "People named Tom, a lot of people named Tom. Then we had a call from Bruce Willis. I had heard stories about his entourage, but when I met him, he actually asked me: 'Am I going to hurt the film?", which struck me as a very sensitive thing to say. There was an element of uncertainty about whether he could become as vulnerable as I wanted him to be, but he got there."

Willis's performance was all the more crucial since Gilliam was, as in The Fisher King, attempting to break away from his image as a dazzling pictures rely solely When the reviews of Brazil came out in England, only one person men-

tioned Jonathan

mance. I think there

perfor-

is a kind of visual illiteracy over here. If you do anything visually striking, people can't see anything else. Reviewers keep saying Twelve Monkeys is visually stunning but I honestly don't think they know what they are talking about, it does look beautiful but it's not extraordinary people sitting in cars talking."

If Gilliam has a healthy respect for his actors, he has a healthy disrespect, too. Not content with humbling Willis, he persuaded award-winning veteran Christopher Plummer to play scientist Dr Leland Goines, at one point igno-miniously kidnapped, "We take this great actor and we end up



Terry Gilliam, former Monty Python animator and Hollywood enfant terrible, enjoys humiliating his actors — "I do my bit to keep their feet on the ground"

putting him in a body bag ... a Shakespearean actor acting in a sack" - an impudence akin to making Robert De Niro act with a bag on his head in Brazii. "So much of the star system is about building people up. I do my little bit to keep their feet on the ground."

The director's ritual humiliation of big stars mirrors his treatment of his characters, fledgelings up against a cruel and chaotic universe. Yet an equally strong motif in his pictures is madness. For Twelve Monkeys, Gilliam at the last moment added a preface indicating that the film was just a schizophrenic's ramblings, and throughout Cole wrestles with the idea that his whole mission could be no more than a bad dream. Gilliam is aware

of the paradox. Is the world hostile or are we just paranoid? "Hope springs eternal that it's just paranoia, but it reflects a confusion I feel. There is this huge complex system and sometimes I think there are people in control and sometimes I think nobody's in control. The films are about me trying to make sense of it."

Madeleine Stowe, who plays the psychiatrist opposite Willis, maintains that, like Robert Altman. like to follow the expected course of things. This has been the most disorientating experience I've ever had." Gilliam says: "I suppose ! love leaving things loose enough that things can happen. I like the accidents that occur, like Madeleine Stowe's blonde wig in Twelve Monkeys. in the script she puts on a black one, but because Madeleine is dark, it had to be blonde. I didn't think about it till we were shooting it, then suddenly we had this Hitchcock blonde and it was,

'Gasp, we're in a Hitchcock film'." By learning to enjoy such accidenis, Gilliam has mellowed considerably. "I'm better at going with the flow. I used to go crazy if I couldn't get what I wanted." At the scene in the script where the boy Cole looks up at an aeroplane. "I really didn't want to shoot it, so we thought up a shot that would cost so much money they couldn't possibly film it. We took this to the producer and he said, 'Yeah, we'll shoot it'. In fact, we ended up with a really good shot, not out of pure creative impulse but my per-

There is a seriousness behind such game-playing. "I don't want this to be just two hours in the cinema. I want the film to hang around with you. After watching Brazil, one New York lawyer locked himself in his office for three days. That's really exciting." His next project could be The

Defective Detective, about a burntout cop who enters a child's fantasy world. In the meantime, he is enjoying the response to Twelve Monkeys — it opened well in America - and its bizarre reflection at Spellbound, the art and film exhibition at London's Hayward

Gallery, where it is being screened behind a huge bank of filing cabinets. Invisibly, in other words. Intriguingly, some of the filing cabinet drawers open to reveal tangled telephones or audience response cards. The best is called "The Price of Fame" and is stuffed with television monitors which film your face. "People don't realise at first. The vainer ones continue looking at themselves. Then they suddenly realise they are being broadcast into the foyer. When we first set it up, I was down there pointing up at them." Straggle-haired in his art-school black shirt. Gilliam looks suddenly boyish again. Heed the warning . . . this is a man who likes the last laugh.

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TRIAISMENTS

BALLET

HAVING made a name for herself as the singer with the perennially unfashionable 10.000 Maniacs, Natalie Merchant has blossomed into a soft rock star of surprising magnitude thanks to the success of her debut album Tigerlily. But the basis of her appeal remained a mystery after her first London show as a

Leading a five-piece band that made Fleetwood Mac sound like the Ramones, she staged a stodgy recital of the album interlaced with old 10,000 Maniacs songs including Eat For Two and These Are Days. Her voice retained its haunting edge, and when she reached for a good tune, such as the new single Wonder or the rhythmically engaging Carnival, she carried it well enough. But no matter how many times she

turned around and wiggled her backside

Ego out of control

POP

Natalie Merchant Empire, W12

at the audience, there was no disguising her lack of charisma. Nor was any amount of sincerity and integrity enough to compensate for the missing spark of excitement that was the besetting vice of

this drab affair. Her choice of cover versions, including songs made famous by Peggy Lee, Dusty Springfield, Nina Simone and Bobbie Gentry, underlined how far short of the standards of those great singers she fell, painfully so in the case of Fever and Son of a Preacher Man, performances which belonged in a chicken-in-the-basket environment. Despite the apparent modesty of her

demeanour, there was evidence of an ego spiralling out of control when Merchant commandeered a piano and embarked on a long sequence of unaccompanied and unrehearsed "encores". The mistakes and apologetic giggles were too legion to count, and I cannot recall ever before seeing such a slipshod and self-indulgent display in front of a paying audience.

DAVID SINCLAIR

A woman of no impotence

HYLDA BAKER, the minute North Country comedienne who made it big with The Good Old Days, died ten years ago. She is probably most remembered for her impossibly elastic insult-mouthing lips; for her catchphrase "She knows y'know"; and for her croaky.

broad Lancashire voice with that tinge of camp. Today, Baker is embodied in a THEATRE

She Knows,

You Know

Leeds

show written and performed at the West Yorkshire Playhouse by Jean Fergusson (from Last of

Wine) who has been impersonating Baker since childhood. There is a sizeable difference between the two women. Baker was 4ft 10in at a stretch.

Fergusson is tall and blonde, a more likely candidate for Baker's dumb sidekick Cynthia (the "she" of "she knows"). But Fergusson metamorphoses into Baker, primping her permed wig, staggering like an old scadog in heels. letting out gurgling chortles. The affect is aided by her dressing room, where subtly larger-than-life furnishings

portantly, Fergusson is wholly absorbed in the part. This single-hander does have its limitations. Baker slowly lost her faculties and ended up, without family, in a home. Fergusson's dramatic

shrink the actress. More im-

journey is bound to move from comedy towards sorrow. The sadder second half is not really profoundly moving. Still, Baker's strength is that she eschews the lachrymose. The time scheme, jumping back and forth as in the old lady's mind. also allows Fergusson to keep injecting the action with the comph of Baker's best sketches.

The highlight is the revival of her double act with Cynthia and splendid malaprop-isms abound No man has ever dallied with my afflic-

that with no fear of contraception"). Cynthia's absence matters not a tittle, given that she never said a word

Baker's comic ticks. including those malapropisms, do wear a mite thin, even if there is an interesting implied continuum from her lifelong verbal inventiveness to her floundering for nouns in old age, probably suffering from Alzheimer's disease - or, as she calls it, Alka Seltzer's. Overall, the monologue format works unusually well. Baker, after all, gave interviews which were virtually one-way conversations. By locating Baker in her dressing-

character can talk us through her career in the guise of a selfbolstering warm-up. Fergusson remembers Bak-

Dwarfed by props, Jean Fergusson recreates the life of variety trouper Hylda Baker in She Knows, You Know

er fondly, although she was famously difficult. Here, her bark is worse than her bite. Her snappiness is always laced with humour. Meanwhile, by smoothly blending Baker's variety acts and her ever-quipping offstage person-

ality, this portrait hints that the adage instilled by her vaudevillian father — The show must go on" - spread into Baker's private life. She couldn't stop joking.

KATE BASSETT.



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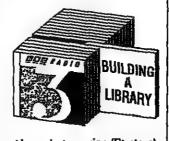
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A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

BARBER'S KNOXVILLE, SUMMER OF 1915 by Edward Seckerson

We are talking now of summer evenings in Knoxville, Tennessee, in the time that I lived there so successfully disguised to myself as a child." The words of the American writer James Agee are proudly displayed at the head of Samuel Barber's "lyric rhapsody". Barber's Knoxville. Summer of 1915 is about growing up in a world of adults and it's about what adults might learn from children and what children must

learn from life. Knowille was commis-sioned by the American soprano. Eleanor Steber, whose pioneering recording of 1948 (Sony MPK 46727) speaks plainly but without nuance. Barber didn't want precious, neither did he want chaste. Sylvia McNair (Telare CD 80250) gives both in her Merchant-Ivory-style interpretation - all slow motion and soft-focus. Then there's the matronly approach of Ruth



Alexander's version (Etcetera). which is spoilt by bad diction. Kathleen Battle [DG] sings beautifully, but it's a self-conscious beauty. Better the husky, personable timbre of Barbara Hendricks on EMI.

Two performances stand out: Dawn Upshaw, with the Orchestra of St Lukes under David Zinman (Nonesuch 7559-79187-2) and Leontyne Price's 1968 recording with Thomas Schippers and the New Philharmonia (RCA 09026 61983-2, £12.95). Price has it by a whisper. With her wonderful ear for the music of the text, her bluesy inflection of the metodic line, you feel the weight of her experience and the growing pains of countless

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LEEDS Opera North's spring season

LEEDS Opera North's spring season opens with a new production of Cherubin's rarely performed tragedy Mediea. Josephine Barstow takes the demending title role and Thomas Randle sings the part of Jeson. The great Paul Dainet conducts and Phylida Lloyd directs. Sung in English and performed in the original version furth dialogue) in a new translation by Kerneth McLeich Grand, New Binggate (0113-245 9351/244 9971). Tonight, Apr 20, 22, 24 and 26, All at 7.7 fpm. (6)

LONDON GALLERIES

Brilliant Birtwistle

OPERA: Rodney Milnes on The Mask of Orpheus at Festival Hall

the joint BBCSO-South Bank Birtwistle festivalcum-retrospective could scarcely have enjoyed a more sensational launch than Friday's staging of his Orpheus opera, unheard for ten years a shocking waste. The sensa-tion lay in the very direct impact this enormous work made on a packed Festival Hall, an impact derived not only from the extraordinary originality of Birtwistle's vision, but from the clarity with which it was presented. At the Coliseum in 1986 it seemed a dauntingly "difficult" piece, one reason (apart from the expense involved in staging and rehearsing it) for its temporary disappearance.

There is no point in pretending that The Mask of Orpheus is suddenly "easy". Peter Zinovieff's libretto is hugely complex, with its narrative time-shifts and reruns. its bursts of invented language, its rather flattering assumption that we know our classical mythology, its interpolated contextual footnotes. It is almost impossible to read but, like Handel's librettos, it "plays" very dearly.

The music, inspired by rigorous numerological formulae and with substantial electronic content, is equally challenging. Some of it, as Paul Griffiths noted last week, is "loud, shocking and rude", but, as he reminded us, much of it is bewilderingly beautiful: a duet for two mezzo Eurydices that would not be out of place in Norma, a little dance Tippettian grace, a

Gallically sensuous love aria for Orpheus.

The second act, covering Orpheus's descent to the Underworld, Eurydice's second death and his suicide, is 50 minutes of white-hot, almost traditionally "operatic" drama, as gripping as the equally short middle act of Götterdammerung (Yes. I am seeking to set this Orpheus in the context of 400 years of mainstream operatic endeavour.) The short last act, composed some time after the first two, betrays signs of early-Verdian haste and also attempts a long Donizettian "dying fall" and, through sounds of ravishing beauty, largely succeeds. The impact that the work

made this time owed much to Stephen Langridge's direction in Alison Chitty's spare designs. Occasional surtitles reminded us where we had got to in which bit of narrative colour-coded costumes were a great help where the three main characters are each represented by three different performers, officially that is -I counted five Orpheuses at one point. Ian Dearden (sound diffusion) ensured clear separation of orchestral and electronic music and always made clear who was singing, and the staging as a whole showed just why two conductors were needed and emphasised the clarity of Birtwistle's thought-processes without in any way diminishing their epic grandeur. The episodes danced by the Cholmondeleys and the Featherstonehaughs were elo-



Harrison Birtwistle with Jocelyn Herbert's mask for the 1986 staging of Mask of Orpheus

quent and helpful. Too little space to do justice to the heroic army of performers - to the calmly authoritative conductors Andrew Davis and Martyn Brabbins, to Jean Rigby and Anne-Marie Owens (Eurydice), to John Garri-

son and Peter Bronder (Orpheus), and not least to Gary Bryden, a mesmeric presence as the mimed Orpheus, Marie Angel (Hecate) negotiated fearlessly vocal writing that would have made Donizeni himself blanch. In an ideal

fully shaped. All combined powerful-

world this exceptional production would be taken up immediately by one of our opera companies: a one-night stand is simply not enough, but much praise to the South Bank's daring in mounting it. We were all enriched by it.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

ELVIS. Opening night for this revival of the 20-year-old tribute show P.J. Proby plays, the Vegas Evis, newcomer Alexander Bar is the teenager, and Tim Alexander Opening and Part of the teenager and part of the gogging on peanut butter and jailo torpedoes Prince of Wales, Covering Street W1 (0171-83-877) Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs Spm; Fil and Set, 5:30 and 5:30pm. ELSEWHERE BIRMINGHAM: The sought-after lenor José Carreras gives what promises to be a memorable concert to mark the Symphony Half s fifth burinday. Lorenzo Bavei provides prano accompanient for works by Scartatti, Bononcari, Anontmo, Tosti, Verdi, Zandonai, Leoncavallo and Puccini. Symphony Half, Broad Street (0121-212 333) Tonight, 7.30pm (5)

EDINBURGH: The Shakespeare
Revue begins a national lour following a
critically acclaimed West End nin, A
with evening of song, dence and
sketches to do with William S,

assembled by Christopher Luscombe and Malcolm McKee

Li Passion An unconvincing musical from Sondheim, but Mens Fredmen remarkably good as a voracious main-humler Queen's, Shallesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590), Mon-Sel, 7 45pm; mats Wed and Set, 3pm

THAT GOOD NIGHT New N.J.

Crisp thriter on low with Donald Sinden as a veteran him director trying to make peace with his estranged son. Edward Hall directs a company that includes Lucy Fleming and Nigel Davemport Rishmond. The Green, Richmond 10181-9an 01981.

(0781-940 0088) One week only from longht, 7 45pm, mats Wed, Ser 2 30pm

JULIAN BREAM: The virtuoso gutarist, in a rare concerto appearance, joins the London Schools Symphony Orchestra for an evening of Spanish music, including Rodrigo's popular Concerto de Avarquez and Revel's exotic showpece Rapsodie Espagnole, Meraditin Davies conducts.

Barbteen, Sik Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight, 8pm (2) 212 3331 Toragra, 7.3-spm (2)
CHELTENHAM: George Chakura, who
won an Oscar for his role in the film West
Side Story, learns up with Barbara
Murray in Charles Vance's adaptation of
Charlotte Brontle is popular and
passonate classic Lane Byrre
Everyman, Regent Street (01242
572573) Tonight-Frt, 7.45pm; Sat, Bpm;
mata Thurs and Sat, 2pm (5)

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DOWNTOWN PARADISE: Amanda Hurwitz and Richard D. Sharp pitey Jewish lawyer and black activist on a murder charge in Mark, Jenkins's charge. Bassed on a true case and set in 1970. California. Sharp has just completed firming Massion impossible with Tom Cruses and he was in the West End production of Five Gujis Named Mee Sarah Esdate directs.
Finborough, Finborough Rd, SiW10 (0171-373 3842). Opening longht, 7 30pm; Then Tue-Sat, Born.

CHAPTER TWO: Tom Cord and Sharon Glass play unetrached New Yorkers whiting lowards each other Is Neil Smon's cornedy Not his best, Gielgud, Shattesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Fri, Spm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Thurs Spm, Sat 5pm THEATRE GUIDE House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

S LA DOLCE VITA: New David Gless, production, derived from the Felini film that introduced us to peparazz Lyric, King Street, Herminersmith, W6 (0161-741 2311) Mon-Set, 7 20pm; mada Apr 20 and 27, 2 30pm; 6 □ ENDGAME: Alun Armstrong and Stephen Distare play Harrm and Clov in Katie Michel's production of middle

Rame Michiere production of michie period Beckett, Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St WC2 (0171-369 1732), Now previewing, 8pm Opens Apr 17, 7pm Mon-Sat 8pm; male Thurs and Sat, 4pm (§) D THE PRINCE'S PLAY Ken Stotl plays the Regolatio role in Victor Hugo's Le Rio s'Armae transposed to Victorian London by Tony Herison, with the Prince of Wates as the cool phlanderer Richard Syre directs.

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Songs of innocents and experience

BRUCKNER'S Eighth is not only his greatest symphony but the Everest among all symphonies, and as such it provided a fitting climax to the London Symphony Orchestra's long Bruckner-Mozart series, indeed this country's first-ever complete Bruckner cycle. But a generous gesture by the LSO gave. Thursday's final concert to the National Youth Orchestra — a confidence vote of which the young players proved themselves very worthy.

Though the NYO's Bruckner did not reach the deepest spiritual depths plumbed during the series, its achievement was easily the most stirring: this performance found more than 150 teenagers responding to the work's and the woodwind solos were beauti-

awesome demands with confident professionalism conductor Janos Fürst, who plainly knows how to get the

best from them, drew playing of warm humanity. Only the restless opening movement seemed a little loosely shaped. The ominously rolling Scherzo carried terrific force, its dark side evoked in the orchestra's full-bodied sound. The giant Adagio brought out the best in the strings, by turns resonant, radiant and incisive. Throughout the performance the brass blazed impressively.

CONCERT

NYO/Fürst Barbican

ly in the Finale's throbbing passages and organ-like sonorities - and none seemed fazed by the tiring length of the very full edition used here.

Late Bruckner was coupled with late Mozart - although the Coronation Piano Concerto, No 26 in D, is an elegant work lacking the dramatic tension found in most mature Mozart. While Bruckner's long symphonic spans — the natural length for what he has to say - have made Mozart appear more than ever a concise composer, it

was the Mozart that seemed interminable in this concert. Leon McCawley's playing of the solo part may have been a little affected, but he was uninteresting.

Fresh from accompanying a clutch of concertos in the Young Musician of the Year final, the NYO played with consideration here. But their sound lacked Mozartian sheen, and the outer movements had as much sparkle as flat champagne. Crucially, it was unemotional: though in Bruckner they could be judged like any orchestra, they found the most "adult" of composers elusive.

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In his latest book, The End of Work, Rifkin argues that we are fast approaching a workerless world as increasingly sophisticated computers take over much of the labour performed by humans. In this brave new world of automa-tion only a few people will be fortunate enough to enjoy paid employment.

changes will occur in agriculture. The next 20 years should see the first fully-automated farm - where tasks from feeding the cattle to choosing when to harvest are performed by computerised equipment.

And by early next century chemical companies may have removed farming from the soil will be created in the laboratory. This means hundreds of millions of farmers across the globe face the prospect of being eliminated from the economic system.

Mr Rifkin, who is the president of the Foundation of Economic Trends in Washington, also has a pretty gloomy prognosis for other industries. He predicts that within the next 50 years, machines will replace human labour in the manufacturing and service sectors as well.

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student? Many analysts agree with Mr Rifkin's predictions about a shrinking blue-collar workforce. However, they also believe that the service sector will continue to grow. This in turn will absorb the unemployed created by the shrink-age in manufacturing and

According to Professor Keith Sisson, the director of the Industrial Relations Research Unit at Warwick University, one of the big growth areas will be in the care sector - in particular, the care of the elderly. Those involved in the establishment and running of residential homes should be looking at a future that is bright.

Mr Rifkin does acknowl-

edge that some professions will survive this computer revolution, and indeed prosper from it. The key is their ability to use state of the art software to process and control information, and the list includes research scientists, design engineers, civil engineers, software analysts, biotechnology processors, public relations specialists, lawyers, investment bankers, manage ment consultants, financial and tax consultants, architects, marketing specialists, film producers and editors, art directors, publishers, writers, editors and journalists.

But even if you do not accept Mr Rilkin's grim predictions. there is little doubt that to survive in the job market in the future, employees are going to have to be flexible. With the disappearance of the

THE Irish elk, which grew

antiers 12ft across, has some-

thing in common with today's

top earners, according to an

economist from Princeton

University. Professor Robert

Frank believes that the huge

rewards now available to the

top people in almost every field

are a similar example of evolu-

tion gone awry, rewarding a

few with disproportionate pay packets and sending the wrong

Professor Frank, the co-au-

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year, The Winner-Take-All So-

ciety, told a meeting of the

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as it does to record Pavarotti.

Advancement of Science that technological

change is partly to blame. When we can all

hear Luciano Pavarotti in stereo, lesser

tenors tend to be ignored; it costs just as

much to make a record by a second-ranker

This trend, long visible in entertainment

and sport, has now spread to industry, the

City, the law and even medicine. Professor

Frank said that since 1973, the top I per cent of wage earners in America had captured

more than 40 per cent of all economic

growth, and the chief executives of large

companies now earned more than 220 times

as much as the average worker, compared with 40 times in the 1960s.

The attraction of these lucrative jobs was

tempting graduates to pursue "top positions in law, finance, consulting and other over-

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Desk-bound drudgery: repetitive jobs like Tony Hancock's in The Rebel are disappearing fast — but the end result may be massive unemployment

ed to wherever they work.". says Professor Sisson.
So where does this leave

today's students facing difficult career choices, or the anxious parents of even younger children like Sam? "The irst priority should still be to do something that you would thoroughly enjoy, and not necessarily something that would end in a career," says Professor Sisson. "The other priority is to get some training in a general subject like management sciences, or a couple of years with a big company.

Rewarding high-flyers could be a costly error

Winner takes toll

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In a recent issue of Sci-

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Fraser University in British

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"Of course there will still be occupations where you will need specific skills — doctors, lawyers and the like — but unless you have a burning ambition for these, you would be better trying to get some good work experience. The important thing is that you learn skills that can be adapted to the field you

JUSTINE HANCOCK

facturing and teaching, in

which an infusion of additional

talent would yield greater bene-

fit to society", he says. "As the

rich get richer, more and more

individuals are drawn into the

pursuit of a limited number of

Simple greed is one reason for huge salaries, he said, but

not the only one. Technology has allowed talented people to

extend their reach, through

hetter communications and

transport. If you are rich and

dying, and only the best doctor

in the world can save your life,

he can demand his own price.

superstar positions."

The same applies to financial advisers for

companies threatened by a takeover. In that

case, only success matters, so huge fees will

In conventional labour markets, you

might pay half as much for somebody who would do the job half as well. But that does

not apply in these winner-take-all markets.

Does the emergence of superstars in so many fields matter? It irritates the rest of us.

unless we happen to belong to the elect. But

to Professor Frank it has more damaging

effects, because it sends the wrong signals.

rate themselves," he says, "so they all think

they are going to reach the top. All we ever

hear about are the successful ones - the many

more failures are out of view. If the rewards

were less spectacular, then maybe people wouldn't join the queue to earn them."

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can manage. The result is a subtly different compound

with very different effects.

"People are pathologically inclined to over

be paid to those who can deliver it.

A fit environment

ast century, fewer than one in a hundred people worked in an office. Today, most of the working population spend their day surrounded by filing cabinets, moaning about the coffee machine and trying to find the paperclips

Office life is a 20th-century henomenon, but, according to a new book, many of us are working in inefficient, unhealthy environments that are not remotely cost-effective, leading to grumpy staff and equally gloomy profits. Judith Verity, co-author of Eleven Steps to a User-Friendly Office, says that sensible ergoboth a cheerful and profitable

In the past, a building used to be about status rather than whether it was the best building for the people inside," says Ms Verity. "Now we are realising that you need to make the office more helpful for the people who work there."

The authors spent years interviewing office staff and management to find out their grievances. Interestingly, the chief complaint was not about chaotic computers and erratic filing systems but about feelings of isolation and a lack of say in how their workspace was organised.

"Many people feel trapped at work," explains Ms Verity. "Technology has taken over from people and we have retreated from it rather than using it to improve our working life, and to make us more effective. You need to make staff feel, for example, that where they are sitting was where they would have chosen

In one open-plan office staff been given partitions which they could put up around themselves. "Most people created little walls around their workspace, boxing themselves in. But as the weeks passed, the partitions gradually came down until they were totally removed. The point is that the staff needed to know they were there, but that they had made the decision not to use them. It made them feel they were given a choice," Ms Verity says.

Some basic questions that anyone setting up an office should ask are whether staff have the right tools they need to do the job and are comfortable throughout the day. Are the lighting and temperature right? Is the stationery readily THE OFFICE

available? Computers and desk layouts aside, peripheral items can be the lifeblood of an office. At a large telecommunications company, the coffee machine was removed at a time when the department was buzzing with rumours of redundancies.

Staff who had previously traded gossip around the coffee machine retreated into their offices with their kettles and teabags and morale visibly sagged. Only after a manornamental but are good at soaking up toxins such as formaldehyde from the air...

highlighted. There are certain basic things any office manager can do to make sure the office is relatively healthy. Bad air circulation, over crowding, irritating noises and poor temperature control all contribute to a bad atmosphere and more sick days."

Ultimately, the authors rec ommend flexibility. "With all the changes in working patterns, a user-friendly office



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agement consultant visited the office was the solution found. "He said: 'Bring back the coffee machine. The coffee's awful but it was doing much more than supplying drinks'," Ms Verity says. She also offers tips on

establishing an environmentally-friendly office: re-using envelopes, getting rid of disposable cups and stopping junk mail. And spider plants and creeping ivy dotted

Ms Verity says. "An office can be a place where staff check in only once a fortnight, and spend the rest of the time working from home or teleworking. The key is that it needs to be somewhere they 🚭: feel safe and relaxed."

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RETIREMENT

WHEN Peter took early retirement from

the advertising agency he got a shock. Even though at 54 he was sick of office

politics, and had looked forward eagerly to getting out, when the time came he felt like

question people always ask: "What do you

do?" Peter never got it right as he fumbled

answers about "used to be in advertising . . .

retired now". With every such conversa-tion, he felt more and more old. Every time

the word "retirement" passed his lips, he would experience another small increment

Within two months of retiring. Peter was

scanning the jobs pages and desperately ringing up old contacts. All the hobbies

which his wife and children urged upon

him - golf, gardening, painting - seemed

to him purposeless and unenjoyable with-out the background rhythm of work.

Simply put, his problem, in common

with many thousands of others, is that his

notion of himself as a person is based on

just two things - job and parenthood. Now he is unemployed and his children are

about to leave home. Suddenly, he is faced

Peter needs an answer to the question

with the awesome question: "Who am 1?"

"What do you do?" This means that he

needs a proper role - that is, to be needed

by others in some practical way. Nobody

Respect, status, daily structure and, of

course, the companionship of shared

endeavour. These are basic ingredients for

human wellbeing. For too many of us these

are tied to just one job in one company and

After a year of "retirement". Peter found

his role, status, structure and companion-

ship. He went back to university to study archaeology and now works unpaid on archaeological digs: this summer he will spend a month in Turkey on a site.

He never uses the word "retirement"

now, and says that its use should be as

unacceptable for anyone under 80 as it

would if applied to a teenager. It is a

poisonous, debilitating word, he maintains,

one which drags people down and ages them prematurely with its connotations of

passivity. We have strong expectations for

teenagers to develop roles, skills and

careers. We should have similar expectations of those in their second adulthood.

IAN ROBERTSON

needs him on the golf course.

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THE CAREER BALANCING ACT

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is the middle of my working day. My fourmy leet playing with his toys as the CD on my computer pumps out The Runaway Train (his favourite).

Downstairs in the basement kitchen our lunch is cooking. Upstairs, I can hear the mulfled sounds of my elder daughter squealing on the phone to a friend and the rhythmic thumps of my younger daughter practising her gym routine.

Outside the window of my office, I can see the daffodils breaking through the earth in the otherwise barren, toystrewn garden.

All this probably sounds more idyllic than it is because the game my son is playing is Go, Power Rangers, which involves him being the saviour of the universe and me being the evil alien Goldar.

i comfort myself, as I abandon work for the fourth time this morning and chase him screaming into the hall, that at least nowadays we are friends. And perhaps as important am my own friend too.

this week, i gave up full-time employment. My life until then had been like a very

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expensive television advertisement for that most Eighties of concepts, "having it all". Nannies, Marks & Spencer ready meals, three cars (his, mine and the nanny's). Nicole Farhi suits, takeaway suppers, 12hour working days, overseas working trips, health club workouts, client dinners and, at the very end of my daily schedule, brief moments of quality time snatched with my

It was only when I reached as awkward impasse in my exeer that it even occurred to me that my life lacked balance. But when I finally left my job. slinking home with wounded pride and a redundancy cheque. I began to see the madness of my previous life.

The role of home-based mother/writer is much more satisfying than that of guiltridden career woman with children. And so much more cost effective (no nannies. Marks & Spencer ready meals, takeaways, Nicole Farhi suits . . .)

In America, they have a word for what I have done. They call it downshifting. Recently it has become rather fashionable. Several British publishing houses have commissioned books on "how to downshift", and there are signs that in the late Nineties more and more people will be rethinking their lives and opting for an existence in which work and home are more equally balanced.

What has precipitated the move towards what the Americans also term "voluntary simplification" is the increasingly obvious fact that as we creep towards the 21st century. the idea of a job for life has become outmoded.

As big corporations downsize themselves - making a vast number of people redun-dant and then "outsourcing" their labour - there is no such thing as job security. Moreover, for those left within large organisations, an increased workload coupled with a fear of redundancy has given rise to what Cary Cooper, Profes-sor of Organisational Psychol-ogy at Umist, calls "presenteeism": men and women working 12, 13 or 14-hour days in their bid to be seen to be

> they dread losing.
> And out of this changing, working downshifting shifters are primarily people who after being made redundant, find they do not want to or are not able to

opt back into full-

time employment.

committed to a job

Instead they create a different way of living. But they are also, increasingly, those workers who are so overstressed within their full-time jobs that they make their own decision to move away from

ownshifting has already attracted a degree of sneering derision from those who insist that it is just a middle-class elitist phenomenon. But by the end of the century, half of Britain's workforce is expected to be self-employed. Already five million people work from home. The Henley Centre for Forecasting has predicted that by the end of the Nineties, a third of all workers will be based in their own homes.

Of course my own journey from career woman to Goldar. evil alien, has not been without its difficulties. Downshifters cannot expect to maintain the status they might have enjoyed when working in some grand organisation. The only obvious perks in my present life are being able to oed the washing machine between phone calls and to sit at my desk in my pyjamas. No company credit cards, no company car, no long expenseaccount lunches, no four weeks paid holiday a year.

And it can be difficult to adjust to the fact that you are no longer regarded as a real



leagues. A few weeks ago. when I met for lunch at The Ivy three friends who are still caught up in giamorous, clamorous working lives, it wasn't just my chipped nails, cheap suit and over-eagerness to prab the menu and eat idownshifters don't often go to restaurants) that gave me away, It was my reluctance to drink alcohol and the fact that I kept glancing at my watch to

As I left them, still quaffing wine and gossiping at 3pm. they all said how "wonderful it must be to be able to be at home doing nothing". Recently, I was offered a job

for the school run.

check I wasn't going to be late

opportunity which, in my old "player" by your former colpadded-shoulder careerist days, I would have grabbed. It involved a big salary, a fabulous package, high status and acceptable working hours. But I was only tempted for a minute. A haunting vision from my past returned to stop me. My younger daughter, then aged seven, sitting at the kitchen table at 3am dressed in her school uniform because she wanted to see me before I left for the office.

As a downshifter, I am probably working harder and having to juggle my life more than ever. But at least now I have full control of the balls.

JANE GORDON

Are you sick of your job?

HOW TO TAKE CONTROL

oes the world seem rather drab? Are you lacking a sense of interest or achievement? If your answer is yes, then you are more likely to be in a low-status job with relatively little control. This is the conclusion of a

study of more than 10,000 civil servants in Whitehall, preented at a conference in London earlier this month by Dr Stephen Stansfeld of the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at University College London. The meeting, "Psychology of

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and Well-Mood being". jointly organised by the Medical Research Council and Unilever, is recognition of the fact that the "feel-good" factor is essential not only for economic growth. but also for mental and physical health.

so-called "Whitehall II" study is the successor to a previous study of civil servants. The first Whitehall study found that the lowest derical grades had three times the death rate of the highest administrative grades over a ten-year period - a difference only one-third accounted

for by smoking, obesi-ty and high blood pressure. So if had habits are not the main killers of the working class, what is? One possible factor is control. Having control over your working life reduces your risk of suffering a wide range of illnesses. Answer these sample questions from a standard questionnaire to see how much control you have.

Do you have a choice in deciding what you do at Yes/No Do you have a choice in



Reluctant commuters on the Tube

deciding how you do your Yes/No [] Others take decisions concerning your work. Yes/No "I can decide when to take "I have a great deal of say in planning my work environment. Yes/No 1 law a say in choosing with whom I work." Yes/No If you answered "Yes" to most of these questions, then

you have high control over your work, and the chances

are that you are in a relatively

CLASS CUSTOMER SERVICE

A customers view "I have been insured for 25 years and have never had service to match yours."

of them, then you are probably in a relative-ly low-status job, and are more likely to suffer a wide range of illnesses, because feelings of powerlessness system and disrupt the cardiovascular

Of course there is more to life than work, and statistics give us trends, not laws. Dr Stansfeld's team found that the link between class and happiness was also related to how much social support people had outside work, how hard-up they were, and whether they had suffered ma-jor life-shaping events such as bereavement.

Do you have to stay in a lousy job? Millions do, but they do not all become miserable and sick. Get fit, learn to relax by taking up yoga or meditation, and start really talking to your partner if you have one. But most importantly, don't fall into the trap of equating your job with yourself. A had job is a means to an end, not a statement about your worth as a person.

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■ We are surrounded by millions of other lives — yet what are they to us, or we to them?

was there on a visit and saw the weather. Stumbling ahead with Roger, in the pitch black, I saw that the track in front of us suddenly ceased to be solid, and leapt instead over stones, with a hiss and roar. After the rains, a torrent had cut the road. We stopped to let the others catch up, wonder-

ing what to do.

We were in deep forest:
the Yungas of Bolivia where the Andes drop in warm wooded valleys into the rainforest. It was the end of a long and punishing day's walk, but we were still two hours from our destination. Darkness had overtaken us, and so had fatigue.

Everyone gathered, the slience of the tropical night broken by the rush of water. What we did and how it ended is another story. Here I simply want to describe the next unforgettable moment. All around us the blackness was filled with an incredible explosion of pln-

pricks of light. I suppose the fireflies had been visible before. But exhausted, heads down as we trudged, we had barely noticed. Now, we lifted our eyes to take stock, and it was as if a fireworks

display had been organised for us. On and on it went, tiny bombs ters around us. For a few seconds we forgot our troubles to What is a fire-

each other fly? Some sort of airborne worm. I guess. They say the lightshow is a desperate and urgent quest to find a mate and breed before the insect

dies. This frenzy of flashing. then, only appeared to be orchestrated. Really it was were we? Twelve people the coincidence of millions whose coincidence as a separately engaged in the greatest struggle of its life. For each, a few evenings like this and it would all be over; for each, it was a solo. virtuoso display. For us, it was an extravaganza: an apparent symphony.
On the occasional stone

around us lay already an insect glowing feebly, light failing, dying. And we walked on, walking out on a thousand intense private dramas and rounding each corner to a new burst of fireworks, a thousand new life and death struggles. What were we to these insects? Once when David lit up a cigarette, an amorous firefly hovered, mom-entarily hopeful by the flame. Otherwise they were oblivious to our passage among them. They did not know about us, and they did

not need to. Tourism - and is our passage through the years anything more? - is like this. Briefly touching a million other stories, our own skims off their surface like a flat stone over water, using the tops of other people's waves to bounce from, never pausing for closer ac-quaintance lest we sink.

Sometimes I should like to stop - to freeze the frame - at the side of one dying firefly and know all about it: about its life, everything, from birth through illumination to darkness, its

Sometimes I glimpse from the window of my bus an Indian peasant woman with her llama, walking alone in the middle of nowhere, from nowhere, it seems, to nowhere; and I should like to stop the bus and know all about her. Where is she going? Who is she? What is her story? Perhaps, catching sight of my face in the window, she would like to stop her jour-

ney and know about me. But we cannot. We must skim off each other in flight, or we would both sink. In the covered Indian market in La Paz, the women will not allow people to photograph them, seeing in the camera's flash an attempt to seize, to capture, to sink in. So it is, but the flash fails, capturing little. It becomes for the woman only the flash of a firefly, nothing to

do with her. We did arrive, at the end of that evening's walk, at our destination.

Sitting in the lighted doorway of the only open bar in the darkjourney, we have time to ened town square were no doubt obmore than served over our skim the dred pairs of eyes surface of through a score of windows: a

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leau. Just a flash, really, for them: strangers, gringos, soon gone, skimming off their lives as they skimmed off our story.

tingent. Our own stories ran together for ten days in Bolivia, diverged at Heath-row, and will almost certainly never converge again in that shape. How much did each of us really know of any other? Almost nothing. We had little time, no wish. to dive beneath the surface.

n our last night in

La Paz, on Friday. we gathered for a celebratory meal in an expensive restaurant in the penthouse of a sky-rise hotel. La Paz is like a bowl, the poorer suburbs climbing the steep walls of the valley. At night, from our rooftop restaurant on the floor of this bowl, the lights of the poor twinkled all around. That night, however, in the middle of one of the walls of pinpricked light, there was small black hole. Part of a hillside suburb of adobe huts had slipped in a landslide after the rain, killing 30 people, burying all their homes. Sipping our wine we speculated on whether the hole in the light was that suburb. Then the conversation moved on - those lives or deaths too just a flash for us, a passing flash of black. Peter Riddell listens to Tony Blair as he refines his approach to government with America's policy wonks

ony Blair is at last coming to terms with the likelihood that Big government and within 12 months, or less, he will be prime minister. He remains cautious, privately as well as publicly, about not taking the election for the Anxious Middle granted. But his three-day visit to America dramatised the charge in expectations among those whose business is power. He is now being treated as a prime minister in waiting. One result, so far largely unappreciated, is that he has clarified

tween the President and an opposi-

When being driven to the airport to fly home on Friday evening, Mr Blair wondered how different his visit would have been if he had been Prime Minister. Surprisingly little, is the view of veteran Washington hands. He might have been given lunch at the White House. But the discussion would probably have been less interesting, since a checklist of the diplomatic business of the day would have dominated the meeting. There would not have been time for the exchanges on political and economic strategy that took place on Priday. These were vividiy and aptly described by Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, as a "wonkathon", since both Bill Clinton and Mr Blair are, in the Washington lingo, policy wonks, fascinated by the

Their discussion about how to deal with economic and social insecurity matched the central theme of Mr Blair's comments throughout his visit. Most of this was inevitably less

Labour is the party of the centre or the by election result, but that does not make it any less significant in the long term.

Mr Blair believes the main challenge for a Labour government will be handling the increased pace of economic and technological change, and the resulting amieties of people about their jobs, homes and pensions. He has been groping for ways to articulate this. As so often in politics, the message becomes refined not by a grand plan but by repeatedly arguing the case. In January, he floated the idea of the stakeholder economy. The Tories seized on the phrase to claim that Labour favoured giving unions statutory rights in business and the sort of radical changes in the structure of companies and the City advocated by the polemicist Will Hutton. But Mr Blair has rejected this

approach. He accepts the opening up of markets and does not believe they should be restricted, either through protection or through tighter legal regulation of companies. In New

York, he talked about not importing into Britain the rigidities of the labour markets and social security systems of some European countries. His differences with the Right are not over the value of competitive markets, but over the role of the State in ensuring that as many people as possible are equipped to benefit from economic change, notably by promoting training and skills. There is common ground with the Tories about, say, education for 16 to 19 year-olds, and about obtaining private finance for public projects. But the Tories remain wary about linking their specific initiatives into a broad strategy for attacking insecurity. They believe that economic growth

having a positive role. Mr Blair and Mr Clinton have similar views about the role of the State, in contrast to both the anti-govern-ment Right and the collectivist Left. The Clinton Administration last week, for example, proposed new measures to safeguard workers' pen-

will promote social cohesion, and are

reluctant to present the State as

sions and make them more portable; but it is dubious about the recent ideas of Congressional Democrats for tax and regulatory changes to create socially responsible corpora-tions. There is a fine line between encouraging good practice and restricting the workings of the market.

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But, as Mr Clinton pointed out to Mr Blair in their talks, there is the further problem that economic success may not translate into political support. The main beneficiaries of the global economy are those who have been and are likely to vote Republican. A challenge for centre left parties, or those of the centre as Mr. Blair now prefers, is how to ensure that economic success helps those who are likely to vote for them.

The emerging Blair message is, as
Mr Clinton said in his State of the

Union address, that while "the era of big government is over", there is of big government is over, there is still a role for government in handling change. There has been mach interest among the Blaintes, particularly Gordon Brown, in a new book by E.J. Dionne, a Washington Post cohumnist, called They Only Look Dead: Why Progressives Will Dominate the Next Political Era. Dionne's thesis is that "Anxious Middle" thesis is that "Anxious Middle" voters will reject the wholesale antigovernment rhetoric of the Newt Gingrich revolution and accept a role for the State in making capitalism work for all. That is essential not only for the success of a second Clinton term, but also if Mr Blair is to have a long period as prime minister.

Mr Brown's secret package

Anatole Kaletsky assesses Labour's

claims to economic prudence

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LABOUR

conomics ought to be the trump card that guarantees Labour the next election. The years of Tory rule have included the worst two recessions since the 1930s. Even today, male unemployment in Britain is higher than in Germany, Italy or France. Real incomes have grown less since 1979 than in any other 16-year period. And with an unprecedented share of the growth going to the richest 5 per cent, most voters have done even worse than the average. Yet after all the hardships of the

his strategy about what Labour

would do in government.

Despite talk about forcing the Tories out of office, Mr Blair seems to

be in no hurry. He has plenty to do -

as Clare Short's characteristic can-

dour over taxes showed yesterday -

but he has the time and flexibility to

do it. By contrast, the Tory recrimina-tions over Thursday's by-election

sound increasingly like a death rattle.

John Major is yet again having to

concentrate on survival.

One of the advantages of accompa-

nying political leaders overseas -

apart from the pleasure of seeing

- is to observe them far more closely than is possible at home. Watching

and talking to Mr Blair, I was struck

not just by his ability to charm the

business, media and Democrat elites

but also by how surprised, almost daunted, he was by the degree of

interest in his views. It is, for

example, very unusual for both the

Secretary of State and the Treasury Secretary to attend a meeting be-

temporary, temporarily lit tab-Tory years, Labour leaders know that economics is still the issue that could lose them the election. Indeed, while polls show Labour leading on almost every other policy by 30 percentage points, the gap between the parties on economic management is a negligible 3 points — and omi-

> nously shrinking. dain for the Tory record, voters seem utteriv unconvinced that Labour could better. This is understandable, since Labour has visibly shrunk from setting the pace on big economic issues such as interest rates or taxes, not to mention monetary union (of which more later in the

On monetary policy there is virtuparties, which is fine if you believe the Tories have done a fine job of managing demand since 1979. The lodestar for interest rates will continue to be a "clear, low and tough" inflation target "consistent with the targets of other comparable countries". Gordon Brown has some worthy ideas for technical improvements, but in practice he will stick to the Tories' main target: accepting higher inflation would be backsliding; a lower target

would be a rod for his own back. Mr Brown has also promised "a medium-term objective to raise the trend rate of economic growth", but this will be clearly subordinate to the inflation target. Like Kenneth Clarke, he rejects the argument that unemployment can be reduced only by

achieving above-trend growth. Labour leaders believe profoundly that rising unemployment has been caused not by bad demand management but by Britain's structural weaknesses, above all poor skills and low investment. Labour considers centrepiece of its economic policy. As for investment, Mr Brown believes, like the Tories, that the way to promote investment is to maintain low inflation and stable growth.

In principle, nobody could disagree. But what Labour leaders forget when they promise stability instead of "booms and busts" is that the Tories used exactly the same phrases and still do today. No Chancellor has ever been more determined than Nigel Lawson to stick to stable objectives and to avoid booms and busts.

The trouble was that he got the objectives wrong: money-supply targets prolonged the first Tory recession, and

caused the second. Perhaps the Treasury has now stumupon the perfect inflation target. But experience suggests that Mr Blair is no more likely than John Major to find the nirvana of permanent stability in a simple rule.

Turning to taxes and spending, Labour's willingness to

follow in Tory footsteps is easier to understand, but could also cause trouble. Labour does not have an ideological commitment to lower taxes and public spending. But then Tory ideology has not achieved much by way of tax cuts or expendi-ture control. What Mr Blair does have is a strong pragmatic conviction that voters are unwilling to pay more taxes and that government must therefore live within present means.

Although Mr Brown refuses to give figures, he knows full well that any increase in the standard rate of in-come tax or VAT would be suicidal. He has also promised to introduce a new 15 per cent lower tax band, to reduce the Tory tax on fuel, and to reform taxes on capital and utilities. The fuel tax will almost certainly be forgotten, but the lower tax band will doubtless be used in Labour's coun-



terattack against a pre-election Bud-get. To pay for this new band, as well as to make a gesture against the dramatic skewing of the tax structure in favour of the rich since 1979, Mr Brown will almost certainly raise the too rate.

Mr Blair has offered repeated reassurance that he wants "a system where people can become wealthy through hard work". But officially he has ruled nothing out, except the "punitive" tax rates of the 1970s. Formally, therefore, Labour could still announce a tax just below the 83 per cent top rate brought in by Denis Healey - which is why so many businessmen remain deeply suspicious of Labour and why Mr Blair may be making a tactical blunder in stalling on this issue, and so allowing the Tories to play on that distrust.

But even before Mr Blair speaks out, high earners can turn for reassurance to an unlikely source: the memory of John Smith. After the 1992 election débâcle. Labour leaders realised that high taxes can have an impact not only on the rich but also on those who hope to become richer. As Oscar Wilde said, "If I could buy people for what they are worth and

sell them for what they think they are worth, I would soon be the richest man in the world". Today, Labour's tax experts talk constantly about aspirations. But what does this mean in practice?

ne safe prediction is that Labour will not try again John Smith's trick of abolishing the ceiling for national insurance contributions to disguise an increase in the top rate of tax. Without that subterfuge, a top rate of tax above the 50 per cent proposed in 1992 is almost out of the question. But a top rate below 50 per cent would not make much sense, since it would cause almost as much political furore for less revenue. So the real question is at what income the new 50 per cent band will bite.

A 50 per cent rate above £50,000 would raise £2.2 billion from half a million taxpayers. At £100,000, the but only 110,000 people would be af-fected. The final decision will be primarily political rather than economic, since the revenue from a new top tax band is simply not big enough

to have much impact on the overall fiscal stance.

Assuming Mr Brown uses the extra revenue from high-rate taxpayers to fund his new 15 per cent band, he will have no leeway on public spending. He has loosely promised to borrow what he spends on public investment - and much tighter constraints will come from the financial markets and the Maastricht rules.

If the Tories deliberately understate public spending when they cal-culate the scope for 1997 tax cuts, and if Mr Brown feels compelled to match these cuts pound for pound, be could immediately fall foul of these constraints. His alternative is pre-empt the Tories by announcing his own tax policies — and then to denounce November's Budget as an untrustworthy pre-election ploy. Without such boldness, a Dutch auction of tax cuts based on fictitious spending plans is likely. If he waits for the Tories to set the agenda, Mr Brown should prepare for a fiscal crisis as soon as he opens the books on taking

Tomorrow: Education, employment and inequality.

Rock solid

ALTHOUGH he is infamous for making tactless comments while abroad - referring to the Chinese as "slitty-eyed" and the Hungarians as "pot-bellied" - the Duke of Edinburgh has accepted an invitation to Gibraltar next month. While the Rock is a contentious destination for British royalty, he will be guest of honour, reasonably enough, at a gala dinner which celebrates the 25th anniversary of

the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. Angle-Spanish relations over the British colony have been ticklish since it was ceded to Britain by the Spanish in 1713, but the awkwardness has been exacerbated by allegations that drugs are being passed through Gibraltar. Last week the foreign affairs ministry in Madrid summoned the British Ambassador to deliver a strong protest over what it considers to be insufficient action against smuggling.

The Duke will surely recall with a snort the fuss which was made in 1981 when it was announced that the Prince and Princess of Wales were to start their honeymoon in Gibraltar, at which King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain cancelled their plans to attend the

Gibraltarians will be pleased to see the Duke, especially since the Queen has not visited since 1954. Last year, Joe Bossano, the Chief Minister, was outraged that the Princess Royal had felt unable to accept an invitation to the Island Games. Presumably he can now look forward to some Island Fun.

• Following my note about the alarming effect of all those York-



"I'll swap you one defector for Clare Short



shire puddings and buffet-car breakfasts on the waistline of Norman Lamont whose wife is appalled), I am happy to report that he is making compromises. He now has scrambled rather than fried eggs on the train north to Harrogate, where he is the Tory

Merry few

WHILE new Labour was trumpeting an overwhelming victory in Tamworth, analysts in Oxford were marvelling at one of the most miserable turnouts in British electoral history last week.

Just 11 per cent of the electorate turned out to return a new councilfor in the central ward of Oxford County Council on Thursday. Only 313 rolled up in person, and another 410 votes were cast by post or

proxy in what is believed to be the first election in which absent voters have been in a majority. I predicted that the whole affair

would be a sorry one when I recorded that Labour missed the deadline for nominating a candidate and that the Tory candidate was a student who recently stood for Labour in university elections. The winner, racking up a whopping 373 votes. was Sushila Dhall of the Green Party. Oxford now finds itself unique among county councils in having a Green group. Under the terms of the 1986 Local Government Act, its two councillors must now wrestle to decide who will be the non-hierarchical leader.

Feathers fly

BARNSLEY's most famous son, the incomparable umpire Dickie Bird, doesn't like to be mucked around. He was unamused the other day when he turned up at the studios of The Big Breakfast to find that the transvestite comedian Lily Savage wanted to interview him, as is his custom, in bed.

"Do you know I'd only just got there and they wanted me to get into bed to be interviewed by a bloke. And he was dressed up like a woman: a big wig, make-up, nightie, the lot." Protestations from Savage that such hot-blooded types

as Frank Bruno and Gary Lineker had been in the bed fell on deaf cars. "I still wasn't going to get into that bed with him. I said if he wanted to interview me he could do it like a man while I sat in a chair."

Dogumentary

TO CELEBRATE its centenary next year, Country Life magazine has agreed to let the cameras in for a BBC2 documentary, to be broadcast this coming Christmas. A film crew will start filming in June. and as befits the magazine's image, the several dogs which pad around the high rise offices in Blackfriars are



Mr Bird: no messing

tures here," he whispers, "but we have bought lots of vases, which we will stuff full of flowers to make a good impression. I will also be consulting our fashion department to make sure my wardrobe is up to scratch and I'm practising Jeremy-Isaacs-style tantrums." • Currently on a tour of South America the Foreign Secretary.

Malcolm Rifland, thought of an apt gift for one of his hosts, the Argentinian Foreign Minister. The pair went to visit the Iguazu Falls on the border between Argentina and Brazil on Saturday, and afterwards Rifkind handed over a copy of The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes, carefully marking the famous fight scene between the detective and Moriarty at the Reichenbach Fall in Switzerland.

Quite contrary

DUBLIN is abuzz with rumours about whether Mary Robinson will defend her presidency of the Irish Republic next year, or whether she will step up to an even grander role.

A stony silence from the presi-

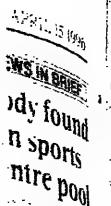


Mrs Robinson: here's to you

dential residence in Dublin's Phoenix Park has led to speculation that Mrs Robinson has her eye on a number of high-profile international jobs. She is remaining tightlipped about her plans, but her trusted adviser, Bride Rosney ays the President will not stay on for a

second term.

Mrs Robinson, who is only 51. has been tipped as a possible future UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and even as a successor to Bourros Bourros Ghali as Secretary-General. Wags in Ireland are already calling her Mary Mary



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TIME PAST THE TIMES

ISRAEL AT WAR

Peres scorches the ground on which he wants peace

In the midst of the most compelling "peace process" in its history. Israel is at war again. Katyusha rockets hammer down on its northern territory, fired relentlessly from across the border with Lebanon. The Jewish state is girding itself for a prolonged and bloody battle with Hezbollah, the extremist Shia organisation sponsored, armed and funded by Syria and Iran.

This war is not at all like previous wars. Israel takes on its fanatical Shia foes from a position of strength; Israeli casualties, when compared with those of battles past are remarkably small. Yet the sense of peril, as people in towns like Kiryat Shimona spirit themselves in their thousands to the safety of their underground shelters, is enough to indicate that this crisis far exceeds the ordinary.

Extraordinary, too, is the peril which Leb-anese civilians face: Israel has put forward its iron fist, replying to the rain of Hezbollah Katyushas with a well-drilled fierceness of its own. Beirut has been bombed - for the first time in 14 years - as has the Bekaa Valley. Hezbollah bases and outposts are reported to have been hit, although none with convincing precision.

Inevitably, since this war has always been an unrefined one, Lebanese civilians have died. Most regrettably, on Saturday, the Israelis hit an ambulance in Tyre. killing woman and children: the claim that a Hezbollah guerrilla was also in the vehicle will not have convinced the Lebanese that Israel had acted with due care and attention. And Tyre, the old Phonenician port, is already in the process of total evacuation, its residents having been warned to flee by the Israelis in advance of an aerial and maritime attack.

If this all seems very unsavoury, there is also an explanation for it: Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister and succesor to the rock-solid Yitzhak Rabin, has had no choice but to take retaliatory action against Hezbollah. The underlying morality of the aggressive exercise - and its correctness cannot be open to question.

Israel must defend itself againt external aggressors, be they hostile states or armed, religious terrorists, and Mr Peres is dutybound to ensure the safety of the people in his charge. The heavy-handedness of the Peres response will, naturally, attract criticism. Even in a context such as Lebanon, where the enemy is not averse to operating from centres of heavy civilian concentration. the death of innocent non-combatants serves only to make the Israeli case more difficult to argue. Sympathy, however, is due to Mr Peres: his own record in office hardly suggests that he is blind to the plight of Lebanese civilians.

Mr Peres's vision for the Middle East has consistently been a humane one and no senior Israeli politician has a better understanding of the Arab world "on the ground" than he does. His Likud opponents in the forthcoming elections, while not the warmongering ogres of recent, liberal analysis, are much less likely to take Israel forward into a newer era than he is. For this reason, Mr Peres needs to make war on Hezboliah - and to win with conviction. But he must make this latest war with infinite caution, or he will scorch the ground on which he later hopes to sow a wider peace.

VERONESE VERITIES

Say no to a new exchange-rate mechanism

During the meeting of European finance ministers in Verona last week France led the calls for a punitive system designed to prevent EU currencies outside a single currency depreciating too far below the euro. in a perhaps unintended admission of the single currency's vulnerability to the operation of ordinary economics, the French representative, Jean Arthuis, said that plans for monetary union were reaching "a very dangerous stage". The solution, he added, was to stop countries outside flouting the rules, "polluting the system" and earning "unjustified windfalls". M Arthuis might have sounded menacing, but for two snags: his economics are nonsense and his threats will not work.

There are very few rules governing the conduct of states which choose to stay outside the single currency. If countries which wish to join after the new currency. has been created accept further rules, that is their choice. If M Arthuis thinks that the fragile ecosystem of the euro is liable to be polluted, then he might have the grace to acknowledge that the designers of monetary union should have worried about that problem before now.

Britain and Italy have certainly enjoyed some economic success since their enforced departures from the first version of the exchange-rate mechanism, but it stretches credulity to call this a "windfall". It stretches the concept of fairness beyond reason to suggest that governments might have to suffer as a result of events which they were unable to prevent. As Kenneth Clarke could have told his French colleague, sterling's expulsion from the ERM did damage to the Cabinet's credibility which hurts ministers to this day.

The feeblest of the threats waved in Mr-

Clarke's face in Verona was the strict interpretation of the clause in the Maastricht treaty which insists that states wishing to join the single currency must first complete two years in the ERM. EU ministers or officials who hope to influence debate here by saying that Britain should jump back into the ERM without delay are either suffering from delusions or muddling Britain with another country altogether. With Sir James Goldsmith polishing his election machine in one corner and claims that more Tory MPs will defect to the left coming from the other, the Prime Minister is in no position to move an inch towards the ERM. Nor should he.

The Finnish Government has made a clear commitment to its own parliament that it will not re-enter the ERM; the Swedish Government is equally reluctant. The writers of the Maastricht treaty rightly acknowledged that EU exchange rates are matters "of common interest" but declined to provide the kind of powers which M Arthuis and his like seek. Artificially harmonious agreements between 14 countries such as emerged in Verona do a disservice to the important questions posed by monetary union by inflating the importance of general statements of intention. If a euro zone comes into existence, currencies outside may - depending on circumstances - be devalued against the new European currency. All that appears to have been agreed in Verona was that this should be avoided. The devil lies in the detail to come.

The drivers of the single currency train may like to say that they are picking up speed as they leave the station. But they have still not found a way to drag Britain, or any other country which does not wish to join the journey, towards the political disaster which monetary union represents.

SCOTLAND'S SCAR

The lesson of Culloden for the nationalists of today

A dark moor a few miles south of what is now one of Britain's fastest growing cities stands barren - bleak memorial not just to hundreds of brave men who were killed there, but the culture butchered with them. Culloden, just outside Inverness, saw the definitive defeat 250 years ago tomorrow of Charles Edward Stuart's pretensions to the throne. Success at Culloden underpinned the commercially confident rule of the Hanoverian monarchs. But the end of the Jacobite adventure led also to the dismemberment of the distinctive culture of the Scottish Highlands. A state grappling now with the problems of preserving diversity while embracing progress may learn something still from that difficult and poignant

Culloden, although a thousand shorttime. bread tins might tell a different story, was not an English victory over the Scots but the final Hanoverian defeat of the Stuart insurgents. It was a clash between dynasties and cultures, not nations. More Scots fought for Butcher Cumberland than Bonnie Prince Charlie. But although not defeated, Scotland

was changed for ever by Culloden. Scotland's restlessness within the Union which had marked the arrangement's first forty years was replaced by a positive engagement. The second half of the 18th century was the age of the Scottish. Enlightenment when some of the finest brains in Britain were in Edinburgh; from David Hume and James Boswell to Adam Smith and Robert Burns. The enlightenment gave Scotland a certain idea of itself; shrewd, sceptical and enterprising, that sprang from the predominantly Presbyterian and Whiggish Lowlands. But that

ascendancy involved suppressing the other Scotland, above the Highland line. A sense of the troubled other self has permeated Scottish literature since then, from the fearsome doppelganger in Hogg's Confessions of a Justified Sinner to Stevenson's Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.

The Gaelic, Catholic, still feudal but sophisticated culture of the Highlands was brutally put down. Cumberland outlawed the haunting Gaelic language and distinctive highland dress, studded the glens with garrisons and decapitated the clans. The cowing of the Highlands led, in due course, to their clearing as lairds drove thousands off the land that had sustained families for generations and replaced them with sheep. It was, in the ugly phrase of another age, an ethnic cleansing.

Ever since Culloden the Highlands have sent their sons away. Many prospered in the Empire to which the Union gave them access. Now there is no empire but the human tide has been reversed by time. A new generation of Highlanders, and incomers, are prospering at home.

Fish farming, forestry, sport and the telecoms revolution have woven a new pattern of rural working. Westminster governments have contributed to creating an atmosphere of enterprise and spent millions reversing Gaelic's decline with grants for broadcasting and education. The Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, has embarked on imaginative land reform to give crofters their own "wee bit hill and elen". The balance is still delicate but the Union which stimulated the Lowlands is now helping to sustain the Highlands its soldiers once scarred.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Alleged brutality to 'boat people'

From the Chief Executive of the Refugee Council

Sir, On April 18, the Malaysian Goverrument will begin a mass deporta-tion by ship of up to 2,000 Vietnamese who originally fled there from Vietnam as "boat people". They have been refused refugee status or settlement in other countries, and — although desperately unwilling to comply — have been told that they have no

alternative but to return to Vietnam. They are the last of over 250,000 Vietnamese who have sought refuge in Malaysia since 1975. It is important to pay tribute to the Malaysian Government for the honourable way in which, on the whole, they have responded to this humanitarian crisis.

It is all the more important that the utmost regard should be paid to the safety and dignity of the remaining Vietnamese, Unfortunately, the Refugee Council fears this may not be the

We have recently received detailed reports about the methods by which Malaysian police have suppressed disturbances in a Vietnamese refueee camp near Kuala Lumpur. It is strongly alleged that on January 18 Malaysian police "aimed and fired indiscriminately" towards longhouses in the camp occupied by Vietnamese. One man died, seven others, including a 15-year-old girl, were wounded by gunfire. When the wounded were rushed out of the longhouse to receive medical relief, it is said that they were further beaten to unconsciousness by

Women and children who were not involved in rioting were indiscriminately tear-gassed, it is alleged, and 38 ringleaders, having been badly beaten, were later made to confess their mistakes publicly and to en-courage the rest to choose "voluntary" repatriation to Vietnam.

It is not too late for the Malaysian Government to set up an inquiry into these allegations. It is vital that the Government ensures that such methods cannot be used again in the crucial weeks to come. Hong Kong responded to similar allegations by setting up an independent group to monitor deportations. We urge the Malaysian Government to do likewise.

NICK HARDWICK. Chief Executive, The Refugee Council, 3 Bondway, SW8.

Caucasian conflict From Commander David Childs, RN

Sir, Baroness Cox (letter, April 9) has done much to alleviate the suffering of the population of Armenia. Those of us trying to emulate her good work in Azerbaijan realise only too well that in this region suffering knows no boundaries - either national, religious or

The facts are that 20 per cent of Azerbaijan is occupied by a foreign power. Armenia, and as a result one in seven of the country's population is either a displaced person or refugee living in appalling conditions. These people with terrible dignity graciously accept what aid they receive. It is not

The Azeris were not subject to an historic global diaspora and so, unlike the Armenians, do not have expatriates in high international positions of wealth, power and influence. They, their nation, and the region would best be served by their harmonious return to their homelands where many of their towns and villages have been devastated

The successful accomplishment of that homecoming will depend on cooperation between Armenia and Azeraijan, which can only be achieved through conflict resolution and reconcitiation. We, who are privileged to be in a position to offer help, must continue to do so with an impartiality based on present needs and future expectations and not past grievances.

Yours faithfully, DAVID CHILDS (Director). World Memorial Fund for Disurter Relief. Europa House, 13-17 Ironmonger Row, ECI. April 10.

Watchers of the skies

From Mr Bob Mizon, FRAS

Sir, My heart went out to Mr Derek Duncan (letter, April 2; see also letters, April 5, 11) who was unable to observe any detail in Comet Hyakutake. From a dark place, the tail could be seen with the unaided eye to stretch across at least 40 degrees of the night

If the Department of the Environment, whose current slogan is "Wasting Energy Costs the Earth", would agree to take action on waste upward light from indifferently-aimed public and private lamps, Mr Duncan and millions of others who suffer from needless sky-glow might be able to see more of their heritage above.

Having written to The Times, Mr Duncan should now aim his ink at the DoE. I hope all other disappointed Observers will do the same.

Yours sincerely. BOB MIZON (Co-ordinator, British Astronomical Association Campaign for Dark Skies), 38 The Vineries, Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset.

Conflict over sentencing proposals

From His Honour C. D. Chapman.

Sir. The Lord Chief Justice believes that a greater probability of being caught would be a greater deterrent than minimum sentences (reports, March 7, 8, April 13; letters, March 12, 19. April 1). I agree. What can the Home Office do to increase the chances of criminals being brought to justice, apart from making the police more efficient?

One of the most helpful measures which seems to have escaped their attention in all the numerous Criminal Justice Acts passed in recent years is a simple rule of evidence: to make the statement of a person called as a witness itself admissible in evidence.

At present, if a witness's testimony is contrary to his statement, he can be cross-examined to discredit him: but if the conflict is unresolved at the end of the day the judge has to direct the jury that his evidence is worthless. He cannot ask them to consider whether the truth lies in his testimony or in his

Yet it is this question that is considered carefully by journalists and politicians when considering possible miscarriages of justice. It is discussed by them ad nauseam. The only persons not allowed to consider this elementary point are members of the jury.

Reform would involve a technical exception to the common law rule against hearsay; but an exception to that rule, first made in civil cases under the Civil Evidence Act 1938, has produced just results over the past 58

Yours sincerely. C. D. CHAPMAN. Hill Top, Collingham. Wetherby, West Yorkshire.

From Mr Peter Scrope

Sir, Those engaging in debate over the Government's White Paper on senten-cing should bear in mind some perti-

During the last 17 years the prison population has increased by 25 per cent, from 42,000 to 53,000. In the same period the number of prison officers has increased by 76 per cent. from 14,000 to 24,700, resulting in a ratio of two prisoners per officer today compared to three per officer in 1979. Sixty per cent of all recorded crime

is committed by just 7 per cent of offenders. Imprisoning this relatively small number of persistent offenders can have a dramatic effect on crime. Recorded crime has fallen now for three years in succession — the only time this century that it has fallen for three successive years, other than during the First World War and the Korean War. The half-million fewer recorded crimes is the largest-ever continuous fall.

The recent rise in the percentage of crimes recorded is largely due, I believe, to the requirement by insurance companies that a crime is reported before a claim will be considered.

The number of police has increased

by 16,000 since 1979 and funding for an additional 5,000 police has been made available (more than three times the whole of the County Durham

police force).

Bearing these facts in mind, the Home Secretary's proposals would seem to be eminently sensible.

Yours sincerely, PETER SCROPE (Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Darlington). Darlington Conservative Association, 35 Grange Road. Darlington, Co Durham. April 12

Oxford's capacity to adapt to change

From Dr Norman Myers

Sir, While at Harvard on a visiting lectureship, I have read Robert Stevens's strictures on American universities, with their "academic trivia and curriculum faddishness which pass for progress" ("Oxford is a special case", Education, April 5), as well as the letters which you published on April 8 about the Coopers & Lybrand report on Oxford.

One innovation here which has succeeded for a quarter of a century is interdisciplinary study. I am with the Harvard Committee on the Environment, a university-wide programme which, along with five other such interdisciplinary initiatives, has long been esteemed by both faculty and students. This contrasts with environmental activities in Britain: Oxford's effort is still beset with basic troubles. Cambridge's has hardly ever got off the ground. Edinburgh's has been

threatened with closure. Yet we need environmental studies, if only because 4 per cent of Britain's GDP reflects problems of grand-scale pollution and the like. The environment is, by definition, a continuum: hence it can best be studied through interdisciplinary endeavour.

Because I specialise in being a generalist, I lecture at Harvard on biology, forestry, demography, economics and government, and in the Divinity School - much as I have at Cornell, Berkeley, Stanford and a number of other US universities which foster such interdisciplinary work.

provide a niche for the cultural proclivity which Dr Stevens regrets is less than prominent in certain sectors of British academia?

Could it be that these universities

NORMAN MYERS. Committee on the Environment, Harvard University. Cambridge, Mass 02138, USA.

Sir, Dr Stevens says that Asian and

Last year 74.5 per cent of the university's 529 Americans, and 67 per cent of all its overseas students from outside the EU, were studying for postgraduate degrees. The arrangements for Oxford's postgraduates are crucially important and Coopers & Lybrand are not alone in judging them to be a cause for concern.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL BROCK (Warden, Nuffield College, Oxford, 1978-88). 11 Portland Road, Oxford.

Christians in China

From Mr Roger Aviott

Sir, My father, the Reverend W. Roy Aylott, was the last Methodist missionary to leave Wenzhou before the city fell into Communist hands, serving from 1929 to 1950 ("Charity blossoms where Red Guards marched". April 9). His last act before having to flee from the Communist regime to leave the young pastors he had trained "in charge" of the church in the district. The events of the years spent in Wenzhou from 1935 leading up to his departure in 1950 are fully documented in his daily diaries.

After forty years of silence my father, brother and I visited Wenzhou in 1987 to find the church alive and well and, what is more, ecumenical. The young pastors, now elderly men. had discharged the responsibility vested in them beyond my father's hopes and prayers. Christian faith and worship had been resurrected

and emerged stronger than ever.
It is good to read that this is being sustained, and we could imagine ourselves sharing this wonderful Eastertide in Wenzhou. My father's ambition to establish a church selfgoverned and self-motivated by Chinese Christians in Wenzhou has been

Yours faithfully. ROGER AYLOTT. 21 The Close, Norwich, Norfolk. April 9.

Ups and downs

From Mr John Brown

Sir. Surely the club porter recalled by Mr Richard Vaughan-Davies (letters, April 5 and 11) meant that most gentlemen give more than the mean?

Sincerely, JOHN BROWN, The Town House, Leigh, Worcestershire.

American students come to Oxford "for the most part" because it is "one of the few research universities which take undergraduate teaching seriously". Long may it do so; but can that be the guiding consideration for most of these students?

In provision for students, excellent undergraduate teaching is not enough.

Hosepipe charges

From Mr P. G. Scott

Sir. Your article, "Water firms under pressure" (Business, April 3), states categorically that people who have been banned from using hosepipes are entitled to no payment from their water company. I would suggest that this is an incomplete statement.

While the domestic-supply duty of the water companies does not include supply of water for customers to water their gardens or clean their cars with hosepipes or sprinklers, the water companies are charging consumers for the privilege of receiving water from them for this purpose, whether in standard and variable charges or specific volume charges for using

Thus, when a temporary ban is made without a drought order, under section 76 (4) of the Water Industry Act 1991, the companies are obliged to reduce charges. The sub-section reads: Where a prohibition or restriction is imposed by a water undertaker under this section, charges made by the undertaker for the use of a hosepipe or similar apparatus shall be subject to a reasonable reduction and, in the case of a charge paid in advance, the undertaker shall make any

necessary repayment or adjustment. While this is not strictly compensation, and will not apply under a drought order, it does provide a legal obligation on each company to make payments to charge-payers to reduce charges to take account of the bans. I believe that this applies in these circumstances.

Yours faithfully. P. G. SCOTT, Toller Beattie (solicitors). Church House, Church Lane, Barnstaple, Devon.

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A proper note for the funeral blues

From the Reverend P. D. James, SSC

Sir. It has long been a feature of the funeral rite in East London that hymns are supplemented with popular songs. In my experience Sinatra's version of My Way would top any list (report and leading article, April 9). There is a potential conflict of sentiment between the lyrics and the message of the Christian Gospel.

In discussion with clerical colleagues two songs have emerged as possible theme songs for the final rite. Gracie Fields singing Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye has an optimistic feel which would lift the funeral party. For the few remaining Anglo-Catholic priests perhaps Pial singing Je Ne Regrette Rien would encapsulate our sense of solidarity in the face of overwhelming odds.

I remain, with a song in my heart, Yours faithfully. P. D. JAMES (Parish priest, St Saviour's, Walthamstow), 210 Markhouse Road. Walthamstow, E17. April 9.

From Mrs J. D. Abell

Sir, Your leading article claims that "Meat Loaf. if he captures the tristesse of the assembled throng, is just as valid as Mozart". I suppose that in the same way an advertising slogan, if it is remembered, is just as valid as a Shakespeare sonnet, and a Mills and Boon romance, if its story is enjoyed. as The Brothers Karamazov. This does not mean that such

bubble-gum culture should be allowed to replace works of art. If there is an afterlife, and in mine I catch my descendants playing pop

music at my funeral (provided I get one), I shall know I have definitely gone to hell.

Yours faithfully, JULIANA ABELL, The Old Rectory. Branston-by-Belvoir, Grantham, Lincolnshire. April 9.

From the Editor of Early Music News

Sir. To do justice to funeral blues, Verdi's Requiem, which your leader alleges to have been played at "countless" funerals, requires four soloists. double chorus and large orchestra, and lasts nearly an hour and a half. I should be delighted if it were sung at my own funeral, but I fear for the patience of my non-musical friends

not to mention the hopes of my heirs. The Verdi, by the way, includes a spine-tingling representation of the last trump, and ends with a whispered plea for deliverance from eternal death. I can think of many adjectives to describe the work, but "elegant" is not one of them.

Yours &c. RICHARD LAWRENCE. Editor, Early Music News, Sutton House, 2-4 Homerion High Street, E9.

Old soldiers

From Mr Patrick Bradley

Sir, On a recent visit to Belgium, I visited the Tyne Cot military cometery near Ypres. I was impressed by the beauty of the gardens but distressed to see that the inscriptions on many of the individual stones are now fading. This state of disrepair was also evident at the Menin Gate, where the inscriptions on several of the stone tablets are now totally illegible.

Is the memory of these old soldlers being allowed to fade away? Or is any action being taken to restore these important memorials before they are

completely lost? Yours faithfully. PATRICK BRADLEY. 67 The Vineyard, Richmond, Surrey. April 10.

What's in a title?

From Mr Cedric Hayes Sir, I have an idea that local government degenerated when town clerks became chief executives. Magistrates' courts now have them, abandoning the ancient and honourable title. Chief

Clerk to the Justices; this is powerplay writ large. The plague spreads: of five signatories to the letter from countryside and wildlife trusts (April 5) one is styled thus; the others still, properly in

my view, as directors. Does not the title "chief executive" quarrel rather with the ethos of a voiuntary, subscription-based wildlife organisation, and risk alienating its

members? Yours faithfully. CEDRIC HAYES. 14 Thurleigh Road, Didsbury. Manchester 20. April 9.

First blood

From Mr Martin Carter

Sir, I have just heard a sound like a cuckoo being run over by a lawn-TROWET Could this simply be a record?

Yours faithfully, MARTIN CARTER. Riversdale, Church Avenue, Cardross, Dunbartonshire, April 12

clearly enjoyed every minute

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 13: The Prince Edward. Frustee and Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this evening left Heathrow Airport, London, for

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer WINDSOR CASTLE

April 14: Professor Dr Princess Chulabhorn of Thailand was re-ceived by The Queen and re-

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 14: The Prince Edward. rustee and Chairman of the international Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this afternoon arrived in Tokyo, Japan, and was received by Her Majesty's Ambassador (His Excellency Mr David Wright).

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Welcome Dinner at the Hotel InterContinental. Tokyo

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a reception in aid of the Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Grosvenor House.

Association, presided. Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: Leonhard Euler, mathenomer, Altona, 1793; Sir James Clark Ross, Arctic explorer, London, 1800; Benjamin Jowett. scholar, London. 1817; Henry James, writer, New York, 1843; Bliss Carman, poet, Frederickton New Brunswick, 1861; Stanley Bruce, 1st Viscount Bruce of Melbourne, Prime Minister of Australia 1923-29, Melbourne, 1883: Bessle Smith, the "empress the blues", Chartanooga,

DEATHS: Richard Mulcaster, author, Stanford Rivers, Essex, 1611; Hubert Robert, landscape painter. Paris, 1808; John Bell. surgeon, Rome, 1820; Abraham Lincoln. loth American president 1861-65, assessinated at Ford's Theatre, Washington, 1865;

Stead, lournalist, perished on the Titanic, 1912: John Singer Sargent, portrait painter, London, 1925; Jean-Paul Sartre, existentialist, Paris, 1980; Sir William Empson. critic, London, 1984: Greta Garbo, actress, New York, 1990.

Dr Samuel Johnson published his Dictionary, 1755.

The White Star liner Titanic struck an iceberg and sank on her maiden voyage with the loss of over 1,500 Sir James Barrie donated the

copyright fee of his play Peter Pan to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormand Street, London,

The population of Malta was awarded the George Cross for gallantry during the Second World War, 1942.

Nature notes

nests in bushes or thick ivy: the brown female does most of the work, but her glossyblack mate can sometimes be seen with a beak full of grass

brought for her to use. Starlines are building untidy nests in holes in trees, or under house or church eaves: woodpigeons

making their flimsy nests of twigs out in the bare branches. Summer visitors are slowly returning: the first cuckoos have been reported calling in the treetops, and common terms are making their way along rivers or up the coast, stopping to dive and fish as they go.

have been seen in the south of England: they have probably overshot the mark on their way up from Africa to Spain. Snowy-white flowers are



The common term green leaves are sprouting in the hawthorn hedges, about a fortnight later than usual. Weeping willows, white willows and crack willows are all coming into delicate leaf. On the birch

trees, there are hard catkins

like birds' feet, but few green leaf-shoots out yet. DJM

leaf-shoots out yet.

Birthdays today

Lord Archer of Weston-super 56; Dame Jocelyn Barrow,

former deputy chairman, Broad-casting Standards Council, 67; Sir

Kenneth Bloomfield, civil servant,

65; Group Captain David Bolton,

vice chairman. The Analytical Sciences Corporation Europe, 64; Professor Sir Michael Bond, Vice-

Principal, Glasgow University, 60:

Sir Adrian Cadbury, former chair-

man, Cadbury Schweppes, 67; Mr Tony Calvert, founder, the

Terrence Higgins Trust, 40; Miss Claudia Cardinale, actress, 58; Sir

Richard Evans, diplomat, 68; Lord Geraint, 71; Lord Grey of Naunton.

86: Sir Tim Lankester, economist, 54: Sir Neville Marriner, conduc-tor, 62: Professor C.D. Marsden,

neurologist. 58; Sir Peter Menzies,

former chairman, Electricity Council, 84; Mr Alan Plater,

scriptwriter, 61; Mr A.J.P. Ross.

former chairman, Joint Consul-

tants Committee, 61; Earl Russell,

59; Sir Maurice Shock, former

Rector, Lincoln College, Oxford,

70: Sir Leslie Smith, former chair

man, BOC Group, 71; Mr G.H. Siafford, former Master, St Cross

College, Oxford, 76; Miss Emma

Thompson, acress, 37: Miss Meriol Trevor, author, 77: Dr Richard von Weizsäcker, former President of Germany, 76: Sir

Douglas Wass. civil servant. 73.

The Cambridgeshire Regiment

(TA)
The Lord-Lieutenant of Cam-

bridgeshire was the guest of hon-our at the annual dinner of the Dining Club of the Officers of The

Cambridgeshire Regiment (TA) held on Saturday at the Cadet Centre Waterbeach. Colonel W.F.

Service dinner

Bonnie Prince Charlie 'led from the front' By Magnus Linklater map but contemporary drawings, also recently dis-

A HITHERTO undiscovered map of the Battle of Culloden. drawn by a French officer who fought on the Highland side, has turned up on the eve of the battle's 250th anniversary. It has caused huge excitement among historians because it is the only known Jacobite drawing of the last battle fought on British soil.

Government troops under the Duke of Cumberland defeated an army of rebel clansmen at Culloden, near Inverness, on April 16, 1746, slaughtering 1,500 and ending attempts to restore the Stuarts to the British throne.

The map, delicately drawn in ink on a turquoise wash background, makes at least one controversial claim. It shows Bonnie Prince Charlie, who led the Highland rising, starting the battle out in front of his troops, rather than watching from a hill behind the lines where most accounts place him. Three stars mark the positions he took up in the course of the fighting.

They show him, perhaps for propaganda reasons, placed in front of his men. then moving back out of the firing line, before taking up the final vantage point from where he watched the rout and massacre of his troops.

There is jubilation at the National Library of Scotland which acquired the map from an American source only last week just as it opened a big exhibition to mark the anniversary. The library will now be displaying not only the

land. Both Services will be con-

by the Rev Normon Drummond, Chairman and National Governor

of BBC Scotland, who will also

confirm the candidates and preach

the Sermon at the confirmation

Service, Parents' Weekend is May

18-19. Sports Day is on June 22.

Term concludes with the Gradua-

The Summer Term at Haileybury

begins today. T.A. Smith (Law-rence) continues as Head of School, Kate Bowen (Alban's) as

Second Head, and C.A. Rayne

Second Head, and C.A. kayner
Cook (Edmonstone) as Third
Head N.D. Hughes (Colvin) is
Captain of Cricket. The Lord
Bishop of St Albans has become

President of the Council from which the Right Hon Lord Stewartby and the Right Rev J.B. Taylor have retired. The Imperial Service College Reunion will be at Haileybury Junior School, Windson on time I The Symmetry

sor on June I. The Summer

Concert will be on May 24 and

Speech Day on May 25, when the preacher of the Commemoration

Service will be the Right Rev John

tion ceremony on June 29.

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Manuscript plan of the battle thought to be drawn by a French officer who fought for Prince Charles

the 18th century. The library, which is in no doubt that it is enuine, is at present unwilling to reveal his identity.

Unknown map throws new light on Battle of Culloden

There has been no time yet for a proper examination of the map, which is in a delicate state. The French officer who drew it describes it as "Plan exact de la disposition des troupes Ecossoises sous le commandement de son ARPC [Altesses Royale Prince Charles] et de celle des troupes angloises a la bataille de Culloden ... " In other words, a precise drawing of the battle by someone who was actually among the rebels. The only other maps known to exist were compiled

by Hanoverians. It plots in great detail for the first time the position of cannon on both sides, show-ing the superior firepower of the government forces. The battle marked the death knell of the Highland charge, a form of warfare which had made the clansmen one of the most formidable fighting forces in Europe. At Culloden the charge was torn apart by government fire before it could get under way; the attention to detail suggests that the drawer may have been an artillery officer.

The map also emphasises the significant role played by the Campbells who fought on the government side, thus earning the hatred of their fellow-Highlanders.

The uncomfortable fact that Scots fought on both sides in the battle is reflected in the title of the library's exhibition: A Nation Divided.

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Schools news

Term begins on April 16. School guardian is Rodrigo Leiva. There will be a Service of Dedication for Richardson. Bishop of Bedford, the newly acquired Aiglon College Chapel on May 17, and the and the Guest of Honour and Speaker will be Sir John Manduell confirmation Service will be on May I8 according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of Scot-CBE (OH). The Halleybury Or-chestra and Choir will give a concert at St Martin-in-the-Fields at 7.30pm on Tuesday, May 14. ducted by the School Chaplain, the Term ends on June 29. Rev John Murdoch; the Dedicat-ion of the Chapel will be performed

Meira House, Eastbourge

Propaganda drawing of "bombastic Highlander"

treating in dejection. English

dragoons, though faintly oaf-

ish as well, are better armed,

wearing superior uniforms.

the library by its American

owner who says he had

French ancestors with mili-

tary connections. He says it

has been in his family since

The map has been given to

Summer Term begins today and ends on Saturday, June 29. The new School Knights are Jemma Watkins (formerly of St Andrew's Pastrourn Aylward (formerly of St Bede's School, Eastbourne). The new Standard Bearers are: Victoria (formerly of The Barn Much Hadham), Vicki Culley School, School, Much Hadham), Victor Maithy (formerly of Wadhurst College, Sussen), Mhairi McGhee (formerly of Annecy School, Seaford), Carlie Morris (formerly of Bermuda High School, Bermuda), Victoria Oakley (formerly of Benenden School, Kent), Ruth Ritzema (formerly of Moss Hall Jutior School, Finchley), Zena Slim (formerly of Dhahran Ahliyyah School, Saudi Arabia), Joanna Swan (formerly of St Bede's School, Eastbourne). Lucy Wood (formerly of Hartsbourne J.M.I. Hertfordshire). The Old Girls' Reunion in London is being held on Saturday, April 27, at the Royal Over-Seas League, Park Place, from noon. The exchange with our partner school in Mont-pellier takes place from June 15 to June 24. Founders' Day is June 22.

and an Old Girls' Club Reunion Lunch will be held at the school on that day. The Spanish Study Tour to Izarra College, Pamplona, takes place from June 22 to July 2.

Summer Term at Oakham School

begins today, Monday April 15. The Duesbury Bowes lecture, on Friday, April 19, will be given by Lord Charteris of Amisticid Confirmation takes place on Saturday, May 4. The Concert Bands of Oakham, Oundle and Uppingham Schools will perform Berlioz ' Symphonie Funèbre et Triomphale at Peerborough Cathedral, Thursday May 9, at 7.30pm. The Leavers' Service will be held on Saturday, May 25. The Peter Sly Memorial Match will take place on Old Oakhamian Day, Sunday, May 12. The School's contributions to the Oakham Festival, June 21-28, will include concerts by the Chamber Orchestra and Big Band and the Musical The Famasticks. Speech Day is Saturday, July 1 and the Guest of Honour will be Dr Robert Stevens, Master of Pembroke College. Oxford. The Headmaster, Mr Graham Smallbone, retires at the end of the school year after eleven

years at Oakham School. **Pocklington School**

Summer Term at Pocklington School, York, begins today. Old Pocklingtonian Day takes place, at the School, on Sunday, June 30,

1996. The term ends on Wednesday, July 3, 1996.

Repton School

Summer Term at Repton School begins today. Speech Day will be on Saturday, May 25, when the Guest of Honour will be Mr R.G. Smethurst, Provost of Worcester College. Oxford and the preacher at the Commemoration Service will be the Very Rev Dominic

Wycliffe College, Glogoestershire Summer Term opens April 15 with 670 students. The Princess Royal officially opened Wycliffe Hall. The Choir Tour has returned from Venice/Florence. The National Schools Squash Championship relebrations will be held on April 18. Her Grace The Duchess of Somerset presents prizes and The Rev Rebecca Watts, Chaplain of Wadham College, Oxford, preaches on Speech Day, July 6. Wycliffe International Summer Vacation Courses commence on

life of David Tandy will take pla

Forthcoming marriages

Captain W.R.H. Barnes Vallowies and Miss E.K. Kendon

The engagement is announced between Captain William Barnes Yallowley, The Queen's Royal Hussars, younger son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Barnes Yallowley, of Firle, East Sussex, and Emily, daughter of Mr David Kendon, of Flimwell, East Sussex, and the late Mrs Caroline Kendon.

Mr R.E.B. Bradley and Miss A. Moss

The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Bradley, of Fleeching, Sussex and Allison, only daughter of Mr Stirling Moss OBE, and Mrs Michael Taylor, both of London.

Mr A.B. Greene and Miss C.D.M. Moore The engagement is announced between Aubrey Basil Greene, of trington Park Farm, Leorainster, Herefordshire, and Catherine Diana Moinet Moore, of Victoria Rd, Kensington, London.

Mr R.W.P. Kohler and Miss M.L.L. Coghlan

The engagement is announced between Roderick, eldest son of Paul and Roz Kohler, of West Horsley, Surrey, and Melindy, daughter of Tim and Liz Coghlan, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr A.J. McKinlay

and Miss M.E.F. Hulbert The engagement is announced between Alexander, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Crawford McKinlay, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Miranda, only daughter of Canon and Mrs Anthony Hulbert, of All Saints Vicarage, Leighton Beauth, Bedfordshire.

Mr P.C.A. Moon and Miss F.Y.M. Laroche The engagement is announced between Angus, eldest son of Dr Charles Moon, of Illogan, Cornwall, and Mrs Liggy Whittingham, of Penzance. Cornwall, and Florence, daughter-of Dr and Mrs Bernard Laroche, of and Dr C.L.T. Hogg

between Simon, eldest son of Wing Commander P.G. Padley and the late Mrs Elizabeth Padley, of Gayhurst, Buckinghamshire, and Claire, daughter of Rear-Admiral R.I.T. Hogg, of Barnes, London, and Mrs Susie Rankin, of Barkston, Lincolnshire

Dr A.J. Slingsby and Dr C.J.D. Bush The engagement is announced between Andrew John, only son of Mr and Mrs John Slingsby, of Retford. Nottinghamshire, and Cathryn Joanna Duyland, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Bush, of Warningcamp, West

Marriages

Mr R.I. Holman Baird and Miss P.S. Thomson

The marriage took piace on Saturday at the Church of St Nicholas, Longparish, Hampshire, of Mr Richard Holman-Baird, eldest son of Mr John and Lady Diana Holman, of Rickarton, Stonehaven, to Miss Polly Thomson, daughter of the late Mr Angus Thomson and of Mrs Thomson, of Kensington, London. The Rev William Robson

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The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Joseph Thomson, was attended by Louise Holman-Baird, Camilla Bacon, Alexandra Townsend-Rose, Sophie Cole, George Harwood, Alexander Townshend and William Stirrup. Mr Jonathan

Grew was best man.
A reception was held at Hurstbourne Park and the honeymoon will be spent on the Galapagos

Mr C.K.M. Druce and Miss A.M.P. Licadi The marriage took place on April 13, in Dorchester, Dorset, of Charles Kenneth Major, son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Druce, of Worcester, and Alegra Maria Pia. daughter of Mr A.E Antony Licudi, of Gibraltar and London.

Dickens memorabilia to be sold at auction

A VAST collection of rare first

Included is Dickens's monogrammed pewter tankard the one from which he may have been drinking when he was "stricken with death at his dinner table" on June 9, 1870 - and a cheque signed by him a few days earlier. The mug was given to Horace Pym, a London solicitor, whose collection is being auctioned at Sotheby's on April 23, by Georgina Hogarth, Dickens's sister-in-law, and is expected

to fetch around £2,000. bright-eyed Dickens in 1837

FLIGHTS

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following year, a portrait of Dickens's wife, Georgina's sister Catherine Hogarth.

The large house at Brasted became a shrine to Dickens and other literary figures. A -unique copy of The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club, containing an additional 182 illustrations, 24 of them watercolour drawings by F W Pailthorpe at the special re

estimate of £9,000. Brinsley Sheridan. The pic-

1896, never met Dickens. Pym's collection included Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli's despatch box, containing two letters from Queen Victoria, which is estimate at up to £1,500. The sale also features rare first or early editions of works by T Anstey Guthrie, Pepys, Ruskin, Tennyson, William Makepeace Thackeray, Robert Louis Stevenson, Voltaire. Shelley and

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BURTHS

ACHESON-GRAY - On April ELLIOTT - On 9th April 1996 at Muserove Park Hospital al Musgrove Park Hospital Taunton, to Jenny (nec Lambier and Graham, 4

ELLIS on April 12th at Batt Hospital Somerset to Lindsay and Stophen, a son William George, a brother for James

MCGLEUGHLIN on the 4th April to Sally nee Theakstone and Peler, 2 autiful son Christian OCBORNE on April the 11th to Debra and William. a Caughter (Constance Eller

Emma née Lewly and Mi-chael, a daughter Sophie READ on April 13th 1996 to Lucy nee Tidswell & Vernon a deventer Communication

DEATHS

ASHFIELD Dusty (Gladys Christina) Very suddenly on April 12th aged 84 at home. Dear Wife of Cerry & loved step mother of Michael & Philip & their (amilies - also dear sister to Joan Cremation at Tunbridge Wells to be arranged. Family Nowers but donations if desired to the Royal Society For The Protection Of Birds.

CARTON, Molly (Née Spiro. o south Africa;— died peacefully after a painful liness, bravely borne, on 12th April, aged 79, Much loved & sadily missed by husband Sydney, son Paul and devoted family and

DEATHS CLARKE - Edwin Sisterson M.D., F.R.C.P., neurologist, historian of medicine and Director of The Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine 1973-1979, died at home on April 11th, Private funeral, Conditions if wighted to The Multiple Sciences; Society, 25 Effic Road, London SW6 15E.

London SW6 1EE.

LAMBIE - On 10th April 199

LEBUS - Angela Mary on April 12th, died unexpectedly but very pearefully at home. Funeral at Golders Green Arril 18th at 11 am. Further details contact J.H. Kenyon Funeral Directors on (0171)

DEATHS MAYNE - Edward Adrian (Trei) peacefully at his home in Guildford on 12th April 1996. Devoted hisband of the late Mary father of Edward and Nicholas. Funeral Service to lake place at Guildford Crematorium on Monday 22th April 1996 at 1 pm. Family flowers only but domations in iteu of floral tributes for R.N.L.I. cam be sent c/o Robert Ayling Funeral Services. 28 South Road. Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY, 1et: (01483) 567533. AYNE - Edward Adrian

MILLER - Sir Stephen James-Hamilton, KCVO. on April 12th 1996 peacefully at home after a long illness borne with great disprity and fortitude. Muched loved huzband of Healber, father of Ewan, Richard and Micheal. and foving Grundfaller. Funeral private. Family flowers only please. Thanksgiving service to be amounced at a interdate. Donations in this memory, it desired to St John Ophthalmic Hospital. C/o The Order of St John. 1 Grosvetter Crescent, London SW1 7EF.

MilRATH - On April 10th Victor of Berkhamsled Loving and dearly loved husband of Dee, father o Caroline and grandfather o

nusband of Dee, father of Caroline and grandfather of Eleanor. Gabriella and Edward Hugo. Private funeral. Family Rowers only. Donations if desired for Florence Michigania L.

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1AH Tel:1014421 864648.

JEFFERIS - On Friday 12th April 1996 peacefully in hospital Laura Yvonne, much loved by all who knew her. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium at 9.46 cm on Wednesday 17th April. Please do (lowers but donations if desired to Si Mary Abbots Ward at Cheisea and Westminster Hospital c/o Cheisea Pumeral Directors. 260B Fulham Road. London 5W10 9EL

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and Alexander, Isobel and
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on Friday 19th April at
11am. No Rowers, Enquiries
to H.V. Taylor, tel: (01983)
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ispiro, of died in painful orne, on April 8th 1996. Martine Lumin died tragically orne, on Paul Scotland. Most desperately loved wife of Lieutenant Mark Lunn, Royal Navy and beloved daughter of Diane and Alan Staley. The funeral ed. lo Store End Scotland April 18th at St. Funeral Colders I pin, Enquiries to F.L. Lloyd Lans to attend the "Till Swap you one argicular Schore"

STOREY - On April 11th, Harry Edward, aged 82, Harry Edward. aged 82. formerly a sendor enginest with B.P. For many years in Iran. Much loved brother of Doris Hill. Service Friday April 19th at Chichester Crematorium at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations. If desired, to R.N.L. 2.0 Edward While & Son. 8. South Pallant. Chichester (01243) 782136.

WATSOM on April 10th 1996, peacefully in the loving care of the Mildmay Mission Hospital, Andrew John aged 47, dearly loved you of Rosalma and the late Roy Watson. Friend of many, Funeral service attendam Crematerium on Tuesday 23rd of April at 2.00pm. Family flowers 2.00pm. 2.00pm. Family flowers

of Broad Heath, Presidenc, Funeral Service at St Andrews Church, Presidence on Friday April 1916 at 1.30 pm. followed by cremation and Hereford Crematorium, No flowers by request if desired, donations to R.N.L.I. Exquiri plant to Matter's Funeral Service, Presidence at (01544) 267462.

NESTWOOD - On April 1st MESTWOOD - On April 1st in hospital after a short immes. Alex, President of the London branch of the R.S.C.D.S. and a fived lose many. Funeral will take piece of Friday April 19th at Puttery Vise Crementment in 3.30 pm. Floral fributes to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 212 Evershort Sweet. WW 1880, let. 70171) 387-6078. If preferred donations to a charity of choice or Alex Westwood Westwood Time C/O R.S.C.D.S. Leader C/O R.

DEATHS FLATSHARE

WILLIS - Roger on Easter Saturday April 61h peacefully at home is his 90th year. Detoved husband of the late Joan and very much boved father of Angels and Miranda. grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral private.

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By JOHN VINCENT

editions, portraits and memo-rabilia relating to Charles Dickens and many other great literary figures, gathered over a lifetime by a Victorian bibliophile, are to be sold in-London next week.

Pym. who was an author and editor as well as a passionate collector, was a lifelong admirer of Dickens and, after the novelist's death. became firm friends with his family. Georgina gave him the tankard as a birthday present, to stand on his mantlepiece of his Kent home between a Samuel Laurence portrait of a

quest of Pym, has a pre-sale

Among the most expensive of the 400 jots is a portrait by Sir Joshua Reynolds of the Anglo-Irish dramatist Richard ture, bought by Pym in 1879, is expected to fetch up to £20,000. Pym, who died in

and its companion of the Charles Darwin.

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OBITUARIES

George Mackay Brown, OBE, Scottish poet and story-writer, died in hospital in Kirkwall, Orkney, on April 13 aged 74. He was born in Stromness on October 17, 1921.

A WRITER whose work was rooted utterly in the Orkney in which his life was spent. George Mackay Brown drew his inspiration from the harsh. unadorned lives of the people of that gale-lashed and sea-heaten northern outpost. Paradoxically, his earlier work sometimes showed the lush influence of Dylan Thomas, an influence which was at odds with his natural instincts and proclivities. But he soon learnt to pare away the adjectives to produce poems of a muscular gait which reflected the rhythms of Orcadian life, with its fishing and its tilling of an unyielding

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The Bible, the Norse sagas and his Roman Catholicism (he converted in 1961) were powerful impulses in his work. As the years went by, it was sometimes said of him that the simplified saga-like style he adonted in his later verse, tended to militate against its poetic charge. If this be true then it was fortunate for Brown - as he himself appears to have recognised - that he developed a second string to his bow as a prose writer. If his novels had their critics, he was particularly admired as a writer of short stories which are strong in a sense of the timeless preoccupations of the people among whom he lived.

He was an enemy of the 20th century and looked on almost all its works with a sense of barely disguised horror. Some felt that as a result his poetry was not contemporary enough in its inspiration. But the fact was that to Brown historical and contemporary Orkney were one. so totally were the islands a part of his life and his mental outlook. The fishing town of Stromness, on the Hoy Sound, where he spent virtually his entire life until his final illness compelled his removal to hospital in Orkney's capital, was enough for him. In his work it was always "Hamnavoe", its ancient name. It was his Laugharne, and the doings of its people provided a rich tapestry for his creativity to work on. Indeed, the composer Sir Peter Maxwell Davies bought a cottage on Hoy after reading Brown's book An Orkney Tapestry, and later set some of his

George Mackay Brown was the youngest of five children of a postman and part-time tailor in

work to music.

GEORGE MACKAY BROWN



Stromness. His mother, a Gaelic speaker, was from the Highlands of Scotland. He always attributed the mystical element in his work, which observers felt to be the least Orcadian feature of it, to her. At Stromness Academy, where he went to school, Brown wrote poems from an early age (his first being an ode to Stromness). His health was never good; he contracted tuberculosis which left him with chronic bronchitis, and he did not at that time go on to higher education. For a period he was Orkney correspondent for a number of mainland papers.

He continued writing and was lucky enough to strike up an acquaintance with the older Orkney poet Edwin Muir, whom he met when he resumed his education at the age of 30, attending Newbattle Abbey College, in mainland Scot-land, in 1951. Muir happened to be Warden there, and took a great interest in the work of his fellow

Brown's first volume. The Storm. which was published in Kirkwall in 1954, showed him to be a poet of talent. But it was the influence of Muir that brought him to the notice of the wider world. Without telling Brown, Muir sent a selection of his

verse to the Hogarth Press in London and this led to the publication of his first major collection, Loaves and Fishes, in 1959. Though some of the poems in Loaves and Fishes showed lingering traces of Dylan Thomas, the best of them established him as a fresh, new voice, seen at its most characteristic in the unforced simplicity of:

Go sad or sweet or riotous with Past the old women gossiping by the hour They'll fix on you from every close and vier An acid look to make your veins TUR SOUR

Brown next went as a mature student to Edinburgh University where he took a degree in English in 1960. He went on to do postgraduate work on Gerard Manley Hopkins.

By the time of his third volume The

Year of the Whale (1965) Brown had already become a convert to Roman Catholicism, and a deepening vein of religious seriousness is evident in the collection. Brown's feeling for, and natural delight in, the beauty of the natural world is frequently reined in by his taste for austerity. The biblical

temper of his mind continued to be indicated by the title of his next collection, Fishermen with Ploughs, a poem cycle set on the island of Hoy and describing the colonisation of Orkney by the Vikings, which was published in 1971. The title also expressed Brown's conviction of the abiding importance of the twin pillars of Orkney life - husbandry

and fishing.
Some critics found it bare of ideas, rather than merely spare in its mode of expression. Yet a collection, Poems New and Selected, published the same year in London (and two years later in New York) gave the lie to the idea that Brown's creative vein had already been worked out, and enabled readers to savour the full range of his gifts. The opening lines of "Horsemen and Seals" are an example of the undemonstrative yet deep love with which Brown views his fellow islanders.

On the green holm they built their church. There were three arches. They walked to the village across

the ebb. From this house they got milk. A farmer cut and carted their peats.

were to work.

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In the meantime Brown had already begun to write prose. The stories in A Calendar of Love (1967) were admired for the simple beauty of the language in which they celebrated the power of earth, sky and sea, and the elemental island lives heroically battling down the centuries against that uncompromising backdrop. A Time to Keep. a second collection of stories, published in 1969, was praised for similar qualities and reviewers murmured of a new Turgenev. But Brown's first novel, Greenvoe (1972) suggested that the longer form was not really his metier. It seemed palpably, merely a series of short stories stitched together. More puzzlingly, it abandoned the austere tone and structure of his finest writing, seeming instead to suggest a relapse into the rolling Dylan Thomas style prose poetry of his earliest work. There were further novels, among them Magnus (1973), the story of the 12th-century Earl of Orkney who became St Magnus the Martyr. Brown also wrote a number of

plays of which Witch and A Spell for Green Corn were produced at the Edinburgh Festival in 1969 and 1970. His opera libretto The Martyrdom of St Magnus was set by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies and produced in Kirkwall, London and Santa Fe. Brown also produced a son et lumière text, A Celebration for Magnus (1987), for Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, and a further opera libretto for the composer was The Two Fiddlers (1978), an adaptation of the story by Brown.

Brown continued to publish poetry and short stories. His poetry and prose tended to converge in his later work. He was never a great creator of character in the tradition of mainstream novel and story writing, but rather an observer, a setter of scene. and a purveyor of bardic utterance. As civilisation marched on past him, its technical trappings eroding the empire of the imagination, he lamented a vanishing world with redoubled force. "We cannot live fully without the treasury our ancestors have left to us. Without the story - in which everyone living, unborn and dead, participates - men are no more than bits of paper blown on the cold wind."

Brown was appointed OBE in 1974 and had honorary degrees from Dundee, Glasgow and the Open University. He never married.

JACK SPRINGETT

Jack Springett, CBE, County Education Officer, Essex, 1973-80, died on March 15 aged 80. He was born on February 1, 1916.

NOWADAYS it is fashionable to denigrate local education authorities and easy to forget their record of achievement and the corps of distinguished education officers who worked for them. Jack Springett was

one of these.

The son of a Windsor sign-writer, Jack Allan Springett was educated at the local grammar school before going up to read mathematics at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge. A Wrangler, in 1938 he joined the staff of Christ's Hospital, Horsham, where, apart from the war years, he stayed until 1947. He served in the Royal Signals and on the General Staff, mainly at the War Office and, from 1944 to 1946, in Washington.

Springett entered educational administration in 1947 and served his apprenticeship with Barraclough in the North Riding between then and 1952. it was a tough school but one which provided a fund of good stories - thirty years later he still used them to entertain and instruct friends and colleagues. This early grounding in Yorkshire was firmly consolidated during the subsequent ten years which Springett spent working for Lionel (later Sir Lionel) Russell in Birmingham.

The next move was to Essex in 1962 where Springett spent 18 years, first as Deputy and then from 1973 as County Education Officer. One of the largest counties. Essex, with its mixture of urban and rural problems, provided chalenges which he relished. He quickly made his mark as he turned his razor-sharp mind to the complexities of massive building programmes, as well as to budgets and reorganisation plans.

Never airaid of precedents, he thoroughly enjoyed the scope for innovation which further education provided and he was especially involved in the early development of management education in the במעתוע.

As Chief Education Officer Springent was increasingly drawn into netional altairs. He contributed in many ways as an education adviser to the Association of County Councils but it was perhaps in the arcana of rate support grant and higher education funding that he was at his numerate

best. His interest in further education was reflected in his appointment as a member of the then newly-established Technician Education Council. He also served his fellow county education officers as chairman of their society.

Springett was widely re-spected in Essex. He enjoyed the confidence of the Education Committee and of his professional colleagues. He had prodigious energy, was a positive thinker and cared very much about children and young people. He was charming, sociable and totally unstuffy. His patience, although great, was not, however, endless and on occasion he would puncture an inflated ego or fail to suffer a fool gladly. All in all, he was an admirable chief and a welcome breath of fresh air in County Hall. He was appointed CBE in 1978.

in 1980, at an age when many would think it time to stand down, he made a surprise move to the Association Metropolitan Authorities where, until 1982, he continued to be involved in educational policy at national level. In "retirement" Springett engaged in consultancy work; tutored for the Open University; was a founder director of the Chelmsford Cathedral Festival: and served as honorary director of WPF. Chelmsford, a counselling organisation. But he was also very much at home in his garden or in the painstaking restoration of a Victorian dining table. It was typical of him that he set about learning Greek before a walking holiday in the Pelo-ponnese. He also became a alented amateur painter and in 1995 enjoyed the last of several painting holidays in

He is survived by his wife Patricia, whom he married in 1950, and by a daughter and



IAN SPURLING

lan Spurling, ballet designer, died of a heart condition in Guy's Hospital on April 7 aged 58. He was born in South Australia on June 18,

IAN SPURLING loved to fill the stage with exuberant colour. Among his ballet designs were a whole series for Kenneth MacMillan that shone exuberantly through the Covent Garden processium arch, enlivening that staid auditorium with a burst of bright reds and blues and greens, the costumes decorated with unusual wit and more than a touch of camp.

Surprisingly, the man himself, at least in maturity, had none of this flamboyance, being quiet and shy with anyone newly met, unless they could draw him out through shared enthusiasms, such as his Betjemanesque delight in English architecture. During a career that sometimes progressed slowly, he had known serious hardship, supporting himself by the most menial jobs, but had shown courage and determination in gradually overcoming his problems.

He studied in Adelaide before coming to the Slade School of Art in London. Another Australian designer, Barry Kay, gave the 24-yearold Spurling his first important break when Western Theatre Ballet was preparing a programme of ballets from the between-the-wars period for the 1961 Edinburgh Festival and a London showing at Sadler's Wells. Kay, some five vears older and already a known force, was in charge of the design concept and provided an adaptable basic setting of rostrums within which he himself for Milhaud's Helmud's Salade, Arthur Boyd for Stravinsky's Renard and Spurling for Weill and Brecht's Seven Deadly Sins

Spurling's colourful turnes proved attractive, like-wise his idea of using large blocks, tike outsize versions of a child's building bricks, to announce the individual themes. He was doubly fortunate in that this ballet not only proved the most successful of the evening (partly through the performances of Anya. Lindon and Cleo Laine to dance and sing the two aspects of the heroine Anna), but also brought him together for the first time with MacMillan, its

choreographer.

Spurling soon had two more small commissions from Western Theatre Ballet, for Peter Darrell's amusing rock ballet Non Stop, and for a comic trio of Edwardian bathers, Valse Excentrique, made by MacMillan for a gala. He had to wait until 1973 to get his work inside the Royal Opera House, with an enlarged version of The Seven Deadly

But that was followed the next year with Spurling's biggest hit, Elite Syncopations, again from MacMillan. In this, Spurling's costumes for the dancers, and for the onstage orchestra, were so profusely decorated with stripes, stars, swirls and arrows (often pointing in naughty directions) that press comment varied from "harlequin-like" to a comparison with liquorice allsorts. Widely thought, at its premiere, to be a lightweight novelty, the ballet has, in fact. seen often revived at Covent Garden and mounted for Sadlers Wells Royal Ballet, the National Ballet of Canada, the Bavarian State Ballet and the Houston Ballet.

Spurling enjoyed several further collaborations with MacMillan, most notably on La Fin du Jour tvery betweenthe-wars, to a Ravel concerto) and the latest production of the Stravinsky Danses Concertantes. This was set among the Art Deco tiles and gleaming chrome of a municipal swimming pool - an idea prompted by Spurling's new-tound delight in such architecture when his doctor advised swimming as helpful for a heart condition.

Other choreographers with whom Spurling worked were Jonathan Burrows for The Winter Play, inspired by folk-lore, and Matthew Hart for his recent Peter and the Wolf. He had been preparing designs for Hart's next work, with English National Ballet, when he suffered a stroke a few weeks ago and had to be admitted to hospital.

Spurling also designed op-eras, including Peter Maxwell Davies's works for children. The Two Fiddlers and Cinderella, and devised costumes for the rock singer Freddie Mercury. It was in ballet, however, that he made his most memorable contribution. He also taught, most recently at the Central St Martin's College of Art and Design, where he advised students on their work for the annual Peter Williams Design for Dance Project.

LUCIE CHRISTIE

Lucie Christie, widow of J. T. Christie, Principal of Jesus College, Oxford, 1949-67, died on April 6 aged 95. She was born on February 9, 190L

LUCIE CHRISTIE was one of the last of a dying breed talented wives who devoted themselves entirely to their husbands' careers. She was an ideal partner for John Christie during his headmasterships of Repton and Westminster and his principalship of Jesus College, Oxford.

Nowadays, a woman with personal and intellectual gifts such as hers, would have carved out a career of her own. For Lucie it was enough that she had supported her hus-band, particularly during the difficult war years of Westminster's evacuation to Herefordshire, and had been the family's anchor ever since after leaving her native ire-land in 1933 to join her then newly appointed husband in the headmaster's house at

Born in Bray in Co Wicklow, she was the daughter of Thomas Le Fanu, Permanent Secretary for the Board of Works for Ireland. She was immensely proud of her Huguenot heritage through the Le Fanus and of her Sheridan connection through her great-

great-grandmother. Richard Brinsley's sister. Not surprisingly, she was intensely independent, not to say unconventional (many Old Westminsters will remember her carrying buckets of food across Little Dean's Yard to feed her hens), as well as linguistically gifted; she wrote a novel, short stories and articles and spoke French from her childhood. Her father could not afford to send her to Cambridge, but her travel, her reading, her interest in art and music, enriched by her background and by voluntary social work, enabled her easily to hold her own as the wife of a head of

house in Oxford. She was a strikingly goodlooking and generous hostess, keeping open house to family and friends, boys and undergraduates, visiting scholars and their families, schoolmasters and dons. Above all, she loved the young, who in their turn found her irresistible. Fearless, dependable, warm and welcoming, but not to be trifled with and having a sure grasp of essentials, she was of her own person; yet so varied were her qualities that she could still be all things to all

people. Her husband died in 1980 and she is survived by her two daughters.

Darcy Bussell in an Ian Spurling-designed costume for Elite Syncopations Church news

The Rev John Pinder, Rector, St Andrew and the Church of the Resurrection, Farlington: to be also Rural Dean of Portsmouth

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and Thougsbridge and to be involved with youth work within the Team (Wakefield). The Rev Gileen Routh, Vicar, Woodnesborough w Worth and Staple: to be Vicar, Mandstone St

Martin (Canterbury) The Rev Jon Russell, Vicar, St. Peter, Shorwell w Kingston, Rec-tor, St Olave, Gatcombe w Chillerton, and Rector, St Andrew, Chale, Isle of Wight to be also Rural Dean of West Wight,

(Portsmouth). The Rev Bill Sanders, Priest-incharge, St Bridget, Wavertree: to be also Priest-in-charge. St Thomas, Wavertree (Liverpool).

The Rev Richard Smith, Vicar, St. Thomas, Southborough (Rochester): to be Priest-in-charge, The Good Shepherd, Lake and St. Saviour, Shanklin, Isle of Wight (Portsmouth).

The Rev Shirley Smith, Assistant Curate, Totton (Winchester): to be-Team Chaplain, Portsmouth Hospitals Chapleincy Team Ministry (Portsmouth). The Rev Richard Thomas: Now

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The Rev John Thorogood, Priestin-charge. The Camelot parishes Team Ministry: to be also Rural Dean of Bruton and Cary (Bath and Wellst.

The Rev Dirk van Leeuwen, Chaplam of St Bootlace, Antwerp, Belgium: to be also a Canon of Holy Trinity Pro-Cathedral, Brus-

The Rev Nigel Venning, Rector, Scaplegrove to be also Rural Dean of Taunton (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Penny West, Vicar, Kewstoke and Wick St Lawrence; so be also a Prebendary of Wells Cathedral. The Rev Moira Wickens, Parish

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Society: to be Youth and Children's

Adviser, with special responsibility for Taunton archdeaconcy (Bath and Wellst.

The Rev Keith Wood, Vicar, St John the Divine, West Worthing to be Rector, Winchelsea and (Chichester). The Rev Robert Wright, Vicar, St

Mary. Portses (Portsmouth): to be also an Honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral.

Resignations and retirements

Prebendary Terry Stokes, Team Rector. Wellington and District Team Ministry (Bath and Wells): to resign as Rural Dean of Tone

The Rev Alistair Sutherland, Rector, St George's, Barton-in-Fabis, Vicar, All Saints', Thrompton. Priest in charge. St Winifred's, Kingston-on-Soar and Holy Trinity. Ratcliffe on Soar and St Lawrence's, Cotham; and Diecesan Adviser on Industrial Society, and Chaplain to The Boots Company (Southwell): retired April 12. clearly enjoyed every minute

LITTLE THEATRE "WHITEOAKS" By MAZO DE LA ROCHE



Roche in choosing, among her novels. "Whiteoaks" for translation to the stage, was that the grandmother, being 101 years old and designed for domination, might run away with the play, leaving the rest of the Whiteoal family with no life of their own. This difficulty has been avoided, parily because the drama-tist herself has skilfully preserved her proportions, partly because the old lady is treated by Miss Nancy Price with discretion and not with selfishness, but chiefly because two members of the family, Mr. Robert Newton's Renny and Mr. Stephen Haggard's Finch, are so represented that their vitality is assured. The result is a play which, though a trifle weak in dramatic impetus and too often dependent for its imerest on the minor details of domestic

ON THIS DAY

April 15, 1936

The play Whiteoaks, which ran for over 800 performances, had its roots in the many popular novels about a Canadian family by Mazo de la Roche (1885-1961).

lelicity and infelicity, gives a persuasive account of the Whiteoaks group — the old lady with money to leave, her sons and grandsons to any one of whom she may leave it, and the youth Finch, a musical alien among this hardriding set, who receives her fortune. The compression inevitable in the dramatic form has made some of these characters into stagetypes, but even they are entertaining in their kind. Mr. Aubrey Dexter in particular giving a good sketch in the Belcher tradition, and Miss Jill Furse discovering a certain tension in the girl called Pheasant But apart from Miss Price's study of the old lady, which has

shrewdness and vigour, if no great depth, the

life of the play is in Mr. Haggard's chursy, shy, tautly-strung boy, and, even more remarkably — for here the obvious opportunities are less - in Mr. Newton's portrait of the elder brother, who is more fully revealed than any other character in the piece, and is continuously interesting to watch.

INCOMPATABILITY OF STARS

FROM OUR VIENNA CORRESPONDENT A Viennese Court has granted a separation order to a plaintiff whose wife had left him for the strange reason that he was born under a star unsympathetic to her own. The two had been happily married for 10 years, the husband having been given preference over two other suitors because he had been born on August 18, when the Lion was in the ascendant. This, as she had learned from his horoscope, pre-destined him to be an ideal mate for a woman who had been born under Aquarius. But after 10 years the husband told the wife that his birthday was really August 28. She consulted the firmament and found that she could not possibly live any longer with a man who had really been born under Virgo, a constellation antagonistic to Aquarius. The Court gave a separation order, with the rider that blame for the rupture of the union rested with the wife alone.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

400,000 flee raids on Lebanon

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, walks into a diplomatic minefield when he becomes the first senior foreign politician to visit Israel since the launch of Operation Grapes of Wrath, the military onslaught on Lebanon.

With the number of panic-stricken refugees now exceeding 400,000, some ministers are understood to agree with President Chirac, who described the operation as "disproportionate"

British beef safe, says EU farm chief

Farmers joined furious Tory backbenchers and Euro-MPs in calling for an end to the EU ban on British beef after Franz Fischler, the European Agriculture Commissioner, said the han had been imposed to calm consumer panic over "mad cow" disease, not because British beef was a risk...

Blair undermined

Tony Blair's campaign to reassure middle-income voters was undermined when Clare Short suggested that people earning £34,000 a year should pay more .. Page !

Goldsmith challenge The billionaire financier Sir James Goldsmith increased the pressure on John Major over Europe when he announced he would field 600 candidates in the

Old Masters 'at risk' Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, was embroiled in controversy over a collection of Old Masters at Kenwood House on Hampstead Heath...... Page 3

Royal mistake

Colluding with Harold Macmillan to block the succession of R. A. Butler as Prime Minister in 1963 was the biggest political misjudgment of the Queen's reign, a new book claimsPage 4

A life-saving operation for rectal cancer has been approved by the

Operation approved

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Bakewell debate

It is the food said to have sustained Jane Austen when she was writing Pride and Prejudice and is the subject sustaining much debate in Bakewell. The issue is whither the pudding?......Page 8

SAS men guard eggs A detachment of SAS troops have dug themselves in to an oak forest in mid-Wales to protect one of Britain's rarest birds of prey from egg collectors..... ...Page 8

Clinton starts tour

President Clinton left Washington for a trip that will take him round the world and, aides hope, boost his stature before the presidential electionPage 11

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A bomb devastated a cancer hospital founded in Lahore by Imran Khan, the former Pakistani cricketer, killing six people and wounding at least 25..... Page 12

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The city hall in East London. South Africa, will fall silent as Archbishop Desmond Tutu bows his head in prayer to mark the opening of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hear-...... Page 12

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It could be too late for Britain to join Europe's single currency at its birth, according to officials from the big European powers and the Commission Page 13

US vigilante faces \$50m lawsuit

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New York is debating again the actions of a white man who defended himself against four black youths by shooting them. Bernhard Goetz was acquitted of criminal assault, but a Bronx court will resume with a civil suit brought by one of the youths who menaced him for money. Then they demanded \$5 (£3.20). This time the amount is ten million times more.



Peter Borg with his Amazon parrot, which won Britain's Cleverest Bird contest at Alexandra Palace in London yesterday

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Building societies: Bristol & West will announce details of bonus payments after a planned £600 million takeover by the Bank of Ireland Page 44

Power: John Battle, Labour's energy spokesman, said the leaking of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on two big electricity company takeovers has cast doubt on the integrity of Britain's competition regime..... Page 44

Lloyd's: High Court action will decide whether Lloyd's of London has the right to seize any court awards made to litigating

Monkey business: Terry Gilliam, the subversive film-maker once best known for his Monty Python animations, is the object of considerable trepidation in Hollywood, thanks to his new movie, Twelve

Theatrical tribute: Hylda Baker, the minute North Country comedienne, is re-embodied in a show written and performed at the West Yorkshire Playhouse by Jean Fer-

Pop flop: The basis of Natalie Merchant's appeal remains a mystery after her first London show as a Page 14 Musical high: The South Bank launches its Harrison Birtwistle festival with a staging of The Mask

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Israel at war

The Jewish state is girding itself for a prolonged and bloody battle with Hezbollah, the Shia organisation sponsored, armed and funded by Syria and Iran Page 19

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The drivers of the single currency traion may like to say they are picking up speed as they leave the station. But they have still not found a way to drag Britain towards the political disaster monetary union represents........Page 19

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Culloden saw the defeat 250 years ago of Charles Edward Stuart's pretensions to the throne and the underpinning of commercially confident Hanoverian rule...... Page 19

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Economics ought to be the trump card that guarantees Labour the next election. Yet after all the hardships of the Tory years, Labour leaders know that economics is still the issue that could lose them the election....

PETER RIDDELL

Mr Blair wondered how different his visit would have been if he had. been Prime Minister. Surprisingly little, is the view of veteran Wash-

George Mackay Brown, Scottish poet and story writer; Jack Springett, former County Education Officer for Essex; Ian Sputting, ballet designer, Lucie Christie, widow of J. T. Christie, former Principal of Jesus College, Oxford Page 24 :

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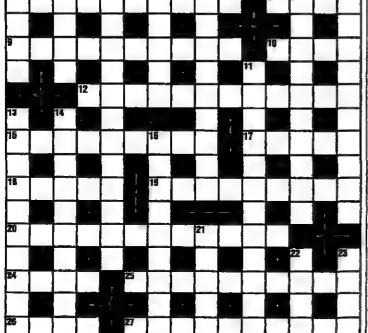
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- away? This li take the load (9). 17 Chemical compound extracted from trees (5).
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- ing rocky shore (9). 20 Protest heatedly and extend the attic? (5,3,4).
- 24 Decline a sort of timber (4).



Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,141 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

- 25 God! What a destructive vehicle
- 26 Swimmers most of the rest rejected (4).
- 27 Female academic beginning to need a medicinal drug (10).
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- can make a fortune (4). 2 Rub away an ornamental pattern
- 3 Coloured tool for fixing bunting 4 Unmarried son leaves to make fire
- 5 Passing a couple of poles, one plunged into river (9).
- 7 Give voice to puerile thoughts? Not initially in Classical Studies 8 Go in and force to open for
- business (10). 11 Inured to home brew, being traditional (4-8).
- 13 Indication of possessiveness. that's addressed to absentee (10). 14 Can social reforms set about
- nothing that's irregular? (10). 16 It provides refreshments, by the way (9).
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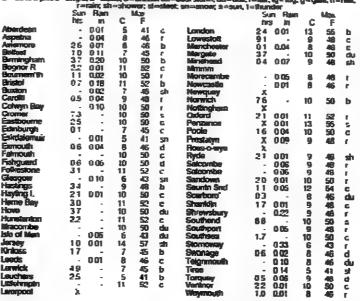
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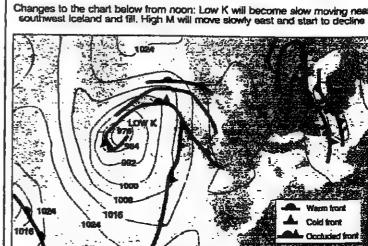
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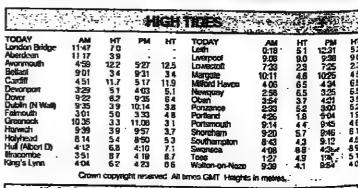
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TIMES SPORT

MONDAY APRIL 15 1996

Newcastle keep title race alive

Aston Villa

By ROB HUGHES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Blaydon Races are back on track again. Newcastle United, coming through an hour of suppressed tension at St James' Park yesterday, laid siege to Aston Villa's goalmouth, finally burst through. via Peter Beardsley's dramatic dash down the right and Les Ferdinand's uncompromising downward header, and so capitalised on Manchester United's slip at Southampton.

They won for the sixteenth time in 17 games in their own fortress and to share this reprieve with them was like seeing blood throbbing back into the corpse that was their hope of becoming champions of England again after 69

Thus the FA Carling Premiership is becoming an exhausting race not merely of the littest, but of which famous United possesses the nerve and the courage to prove themselves worthy champions. "The secret I have just discovered." Kevin Keegan said moments after yesterday's close victory. "is to play badly and win.

"Certainly, Manchester United's defeat at Southampton who visit Tyneside on Wednesday nighti gave us a tremendous lift, but then you looked at the table, you realised we had to win both of our games in hand and, this close to the end of the season, you realised that that is anything

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but easy. We gutsed our way past Villa this time and I can only say that my lads had to show tremendous character to come through the tension and the fear that it is no longer any use trying to pretend it isn't

David Batty has been nothing short of sensational since he walked into this club and I thought he led by example against an Aston Villa team which dominated us for long periods and which, let me tell you, are going to be there for the big prizes next

As ever, Keegan's honesty shines through. He is right to admit that his team were taut to the point of frozen with fear beneath a slate grey Newcastle sky, but, when the turning point came, it was down to management as well as the heart and soul of the players in their black and white stripes. For Keegan, pilloried of late for his stubborn refusal to abdicate the belief that cavalier football can actually win the title, had rearranged his team in the dressing room at half-time and had thrown them forward in a 3-4-3 formation that deployed Watson on the right of midfield and Elliott as a third centre back. Suddenly, after looking vulnerable in a cagey contest. Newcastle were flowing again. bearing down at Villa from all angles, all areas of the field, daring to win rather than fearing defeat.

It took courage. In the first half, Beresford had slipped six yards from goal and presented Yorke with the ball; Villa's striker from Tobago, such a predator this season, was taken by surprise and, though the angle was narrow, should have done better than hit the side netting. Milosevic, his Serbian partner, should have scored in both halves. missing with his favoured left foot from only a matter of eight or ten yards on three

Shortly after Milosevic's third wasted opportunity, it became obvious how adventurous, or misadventurous, Keegan's forces still were. They had only Peacock and Albert back against Yorke and Milosevic, exposed to say the least - but the cavaliers prospered, for it was from this thirst to win the match that the break came. Beardsley - Peter Pan as

they call him - rolled back his now considerable years as he sprinted forwards on the right flank. He had performed throughout closer to his preferred role in central midfield, but now the green acres of space were there and his willingness propelled him for-ward. On the run, with the precision that he could patent, he picked out Ferdinand with a chipped centre that would have done full justice among the azaleas of the Augusta

championship.

Bosnich, who had, up to then, done everything right in the Villa goal, blinked - you might, also, if you saw Ferdinand coming at you with absolutely no thought for physical safety - and in that blink of an eye, the forehead of the England centre forward met the ball and forced it over the line for his 28th goal of the season, the goal which reopens England's championship yet again.

Newcastle stand three points behind Manchester United, with a game in hand and with a goal difference of only two between the protago-

in the 26th minute, Keegan, who spent his afternoon closer to the pitch than the dugout, attempted to shout instruc-tions to his left back, Beresford, Beresford clearly shouted back at his manager and just as clearly Keegan, as he has before, gave no leeway to an abusive player. He substituted him with Elliott. who, as it turned out, was a more flexible friend to Peacock and the restrained Albert in

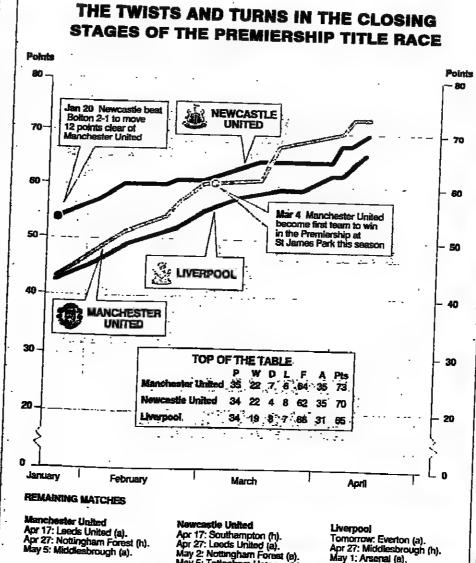
When all had calmed, Keegan said: "I told him what I thought he was doing wrong fleaving Charles with too much room to break down Villa's right], but the way he answered me was not the way any player should talk to his manager. He's done well for Newcastle this season, but Elliott has been pushing for a place. This lad [Ellion] has got guts and I had no hesitation in making the change."

The dispute should be forgotten quickly. Better to remember how manfully Batty strove, how lastingly Asprilla tried to trick and bemuse Villa and how hungrily Ferdinand's goal breathed new life into a championship that will be remembered for decades to

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ASTON VILLA (3-4-1-2): M Bosneth — U Bhiogu, P McGrath, I Taylor — G Charles, M Draper, A Townsend, A Wright — T Johnson (sub: R Scineca, 60) — S Milosavic, D Yorke (sub: J. Jasachen





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Uneasy Rider forced to sit and wait for CBS

column. We should have live sentences with you any minute now, just as soon as my American colleague gets around to writing them. In the meantime, sit back, relax and enjoy highlights from a few

columns I wrote earlier. Not the most enticing of starts is it? But that is pretty much all poor Steve Rider had to offer as he presented the third round of the Masters from Augusta on Saturday night. He was there, we were there, but, sadly, golf came there none. The BBC's Mr Unflappable looked a little flapped.

We're, er, just awaiting pictures from our colleagues at CBS," he explained, pointing out that full coverage was scheduled to begin when Nor-

ood morning and welcome to this week's was that at that precise moment Norman and 'Faido were making their way to the 5th

> So, in the meantime ... we had just about every Augusta highlight the Bl-3C could lay its hands on. Geme Sarazen still driving straig int at 94, assorted holes-in-one from the parthree tourn/ament on Wednesday, and fots of matey chat from Peter Alliss. Personally, I would have settled for extended high lights of Norman's record-exqualling round of 63. but that is my fault for missing

> it on Thursday. Any way, after about half an hour of inspired improvisation. Rider's American col-lear ues at CBS finally took pity on him. Normal service was resumed. But not for long. Less than ten minutes later



MATTHEW BOND TV ACTION REPLAY

beginning to show through that famous smile. "After that positive glut of live golf," he explained rather tetchily. CBS are now on a commercial break." Judging by the frequency with which Rider returned for two-minute chats with Alliss, Alex Hay or Dave Marr, CBS spent a large proportion of the weekend on commercial breaks. But that, after all, is what you expect from American television.

But it is not what you expect from British television and, hard as both Rider and Alliss

tried to pin the blame for the obvious shortcomings in the coverage (it often seemed to be edited by computer rather than a human being) on to the American host broadcaster, it was difficult to believe that the BBC could not have done better. The Masters - helped enormously by a time difference that delivers the best of the action during weekend prime-time — is one of the jewels in the BBC's sporting year. Even when Greg Norman has a six-stroke lead, the final round is still compulsory Sunday night viewing.

But jewels need polishing and the BBC's coverage of the tournament is looking badly in need of bit of love and attention - not to mention money - if it is not to be left behind. As the BBC's coverage of the Open Championship always makes clear, the corporation sets the highest possible standards for golf coverage. It should not settle for less from

anyone else. For the Ryder Cup last year, BSkyB showed what can be done with the constant interruptions of American coverage. In that case, pictures from Oak Hill were provided by NBC, but BSkyB brought in Tour Productions specifically to augment the American coverage and make it more palatable to British viewers. When it became clear that NBC would not be covering the golf

for three hours on the final day (it had a college football game to show), the satellite channel spent £500,000 installing 15 of its own cameras around the course. When NBC went off air, the difference was negligible. At Augusta, when CBS was

off air, so - pretty much - was the BBC. It appears to have taken three cameras to the Masters - one to train on Rider and his hard-working interviewees (Marr on particularly good form) and two to ensure that some of the homegrown also-rans got their moment of television glory. But for half an hour on Saturday night those carneras provided the only pictures of Norman and Faldo. In the circumstances, they did extremely well, but the point is those circumstances should not have

SPORT IN PRICE

Cyphers unravel route to final

WITH or without Andy Thomson, Cyphers, a relatively small club based in Beckenham, continues to set new standards in the English Indoor Bowling Association national fours championship (David Rhys Jones writes). Yesterday, at Milton Mowbray, Paul Butcher, Terry Heppell, Martyn Sekjer and Gary Smith powered their way into the final, defeating a useful-looking North Walsham quartet 20-6, and they are hoping to win the title for a record

Heppell, Sekjer and Smith were all involved in the club's seventh time today. previous successes, and, although this is Butcher's first appearance in the team, he is a specialist lead in England's indoor side, and the National Players' Association

In the final today, Cyphers meet Derek Dowson's Great champion. Aycliffe quartet, who pulled off a great escape to pip Wey Valley, skipped by John Sussex. The Durham side stole the match with a dramatic double on the 21st end.

Sampson mars win

RUGBY UNION: England's 36-13 victory over Scotland in the colts international at Coventry on Saturday was marred by the dismissal of Paul Sampson (David Hands writes). The Otley full back, who trained with the senior England squad earlier this year, was sent off for punching during the second half, but nevertheless has been selected for the game

with France in Chester this coming Saturday.

Few spectators saw the offence that was punished by the Italian referee, but England are optimistic that the disa will be judged sufficient. Sampson scored one of England's five tries and added 11 points with his boot. One change has been made for the match against France, Matt Perry, of Bath, replacing Josh Lewsey, of Wasps, at stand-off half.

Sampras returns to top

TENNIS: Pete Sampras, right, of the United States, became the world No I yesterday thanks to a hardfought 64, 36, 64 victory over Michael Chang in the final of the Hong Kong He overhauled Open. Thomas Muster, of Austria. to return to the top of the rankings, despite Muster's 7-1, 6-4 win over Andrea Gaudenzi, of Italy, in the Estorii Open in Portugal.



Thomas's grand finish

ATHLETICS: Iwan Thomas set a Welsh 400 metres record yesterday. Thomas's 44.66sec for victory at the IAAF grand prix II meeting in Johannesburg ranks him behind only David Grindley, the British record-holder with 44.47sec, Derek Redmond and Roger Black among British athletes. Colin Jackson won the 110 metres hurdles and Darren. Braithwaite the 100 metres.

Lewes upwardly mobile

HOCKEY: Bromley and Lewes secured national league status for next season in the inter-league event at Milton. Keynes. Bromley, a founder member of the national league, defeated Oxford Hawks 2-1, while the ambitious Lewes club took a significant step up the ladder after a 3-3 draw with lpswich. In the other matches, Weston-super-Mare beat Harborne 2-1 and Warrington drew 1-1 with Hampstead.

Vines through in style

SAILING: Ben Vines, the 1994 BT/RYA national matchracing champion, won the first of six regional qualifying heats for the 1996 final at Royal Torbay Yacht Club yesterday. Vines, 22, from Southampton, defeated Martin Payne in the best-of-three final after gaining four wins out of five in the round-robin heats. Payne, and Steve Tylecot, in third place, also qualified for the final, in October.

Pierce secures final say

TENNIS: Mary Pierce. right, the No 7 seed, from France, and Irina Spirtea, the No 8 seed, from Romania. were surprise finalists at the Bausch and Lomb championships at Amelia Island, Florida. brushed aside Mary Joe Fernandez 6-2 6-4 and Spirlea upset Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, the No 2 seed, 6-1, 7-5 in the



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England stage fightback

LACROSSE: England, trailing 3-2 at half-time, hit back to beat Scotland 11-3 in the women's home international at Edinburgh on Saturday. England were stunned when Fiona Reid put Scotland in front after only 22 seconds, but they came to life after the break including scoring five goals in four minutes, and must now beat Wales at High Wycombe on Saturday to retain the triple crown.

Bradford's fightback augurs well for final

Bradford Bulls20

By CHRISTOWHER IRVINE

IF SHOWTIL'ME at Wembley on Saturday week lives up to the pulsatiring dress-rehearsal yesterday, then the first Wigan-less rushby league Silk Cut Challenge Cup final for nine years wi'll be something to

St Hellens, seemingly runaway winners 24-8 up at haiftime, crawled tired and relieved across the finishing line a iter a torrid second half to cling to the only unbeaten record at the top of the Stones

Super League.
Piradford Bulls had been me ekly hurded into a corner, with all the one-sided fears that implied for Wembley. voten they charged back in the second period, to St Helens' very near embarrassment.

The price for St Helens was the dismissal of Vila Matautia seven minutes from the finish, for use of an elbow on Knox.

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The Western Samoa forward has a date with the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee on Thursday. Anything more than a one-match

ban will mean him missing the final. Sonny Nickle, too, could find himself in trouble. The Bradford forward was placed on report by the referee for apparently lashing out with

his boot at Leathern. Not that it was a spiteful encounter; far from it. More than any game so far in Super League, this one bristled with skill and a commitment that impressed Brian Smith, the Bradford coach. "It was tough. uncompromising, everything that rugby league should be," he said. "If you weren't stirred by this game, there's no hope

for you." Smith was critical of his side's finishing, however. Five chances eluded them and three missed goals by the normally reliable Cook proved costly. In a space of five minutes, when trailing 12-24, Bradley lobbed an impossible pass to the ...marked Scales. and Mc remote and the otherwise admirable Lowes, with the tryline beckoning, fum-

Subsequently, Scales burst clear but was pulled back for an earlier offence, and Paul for Bradford's effort.

St Helens, if they did not appreciate it beforehand, know that to get sucked into Bradford's driving, close-quarters forward game is something they do at their peril. On Wembley's wide acres, and with the pace in their side, they must look to stretch Bradford.

When they managed it in the first half, Bradford were overrun. St Helens were coasting after ten minutes. Loughlin and McNamara made a hash of Goulding's high kick and Arnold, 19 today, scored his tenth try in four matches.

They were a side transformed, though, against one Hunte's vulnerability in defence was exploited by Bradford's kick-and-chase game. If just one of the later opportunities had been converted. St Helens might have been overhauled. Instead, they nervously held out, but Bradford will be far from discouraged.

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BRADFORD BULLS: P Cook. G Christie, M Calond, P Loughlin, J Scales G Bradley, R Paul B McDermott, J Lowes, A Ireland, S Mode: B Ower S McMarrara Subsussed:
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bled the greasy ball.

was cut down in full flight by Arnold's saving cover tackle. before St Helens' defence finally cracked again in allowing Calland his third try. To score a hat-trick and end up on the losing side spoke volumes

Perelini was involved in the next score, by Gibbs, then, in reply to Calland's first try, the Samoan prop, whose speed is as impressive as his power, covered 65 metres in eluding Cook, the Bradford full back.

Scales squeezed in at the corner, but making up a deficit of 16 points at the break, after Newlove had scored from Hunte's acrobatic pass, looked beyond Bradford.

that felt the job complete.

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Leeds acquiring that losing habit

Oldham Bears Leeds 16

DEAN BELL and Howard Wilkinson can slap consoling arms round one another as comrades in a common struggle, in a city in sporting torment.

By Christopher Irvene

Wilkinson said after Leeds United's latest defeat at Chelsea that, if he shouted "heads", the coin was guaranteed to come down "tails". On the end of a wrong refereeing decision. which hastened a fourth successive Super League defeat at Watersheddings on Saturday night, Bell, the Leeds coach, knew precisely what his football counterpart

A fightback by Leeds, from 17-0 down to within a point of Oldham, came to a halt with the sin-binning of Gibbons. The full back, perfectly legally, stripped possession from Crompton, the Oldham scrum half, as he dived for the try line. John Connolly, the Wigan official, deemed it a profes-

It was an unfortunate decision from which Leeds, reduced to 12 players for ten of the remaining 15 minutes, never recovered. Maloney landed the resulting penalty and converted Crompton's second try for what overall, was a thoroughly merited victory by Oldham in spite of their good

Bell, who has acquired Wilkinson's hang-dog expression.

their hiding by Wigan on the opening we skend, would show the chruracter that they

PARIS Saint-Germain are turning the Charlety Stadium. the new side's home on the southeastern outskirts of the French capital, into something of a fortress. Sheffield Eagles were beaten there in the opening Super League game. Oldham were held to a draw and Workington were

beaten 34-12 on Saturday. Pierre Chamorin, the Paris captain and centre, was, Workington's tormentor wit'n three tries. The Cumbri an side, one of three teams ! still without a win, led when N lark

Paris rule their roost Wallace scored the opening

his side's latest acquiesce:nce.

He offered apologies rather

than excuses. "I can ordy tell

the fans I'm working hard to put it right, he said, but how

much worse can it get? Not

Few could have foreseen

Leeds and Halif, ax sharing

bottom place with Wor-

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befor e a partisan crowd of P ascal Bowmati, the wing, mulintained his sequence of tr ies in three matches. Others were contributed by his fellow back, Regis Pastre-Courtine. and Greg Kacala, the Polish prop forward. Patrick Torreilles landed five goals to take his tally in four matches to 15. Paul Burns claimed a

try, but, they were eventually had his decisive try, against overru in by a pacey Paris team

consolation try for the wellbeaten visitors

prompted a try by Fallon, and Iro added two more, either side of the break. Further chances went astray as Oldham put more backbone into their defence and Crompton, for a second time,

have to go three matches unbeaten. Leeds would give a

lot right now for the same

Excellent support play put Atcheson. Patmore and

Crompton through gaps in a hopelessly ragged Leeds de-

fence in a whirlwind start.

Half an hour passed before a

muscular charge by

McDermort caused the Leeds

white flag to be put away. It

determination.

the now depleted Leeds ranks, validated by video. For Leeds' sake, it was a pity that the television official cannot overrule a referee's mistake.

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England put championship at risk David Hands considers the implications

to need friends most, the Rugby Football Union (RFU) withdrew over the weekend from discussions between the four home unions over television rights to the five nations' championship, due for renewal next year. By doing so, it has created a rift with Scotland, Ireland and Wales to match that which already exists between the

RFU and its leading clubs. Talks resumed in a Dublin hotel yesterday, but there have been some suggestions that England's place in the 1997-98 championship is at risk. Yet the RFU decision to go it alone comes precisely when it is uncertain whether it can keep its best clubs and players, significantly weakening its

bargaining position. The RFU believes that, by negotiating individually with the television companies, it can achieve a better deal for English rugby. But its commercial advisers have also said that, by doing so, it can achieve a bigger cake with significantly greater slices for

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of the Rugby Football Union's isolation

This argument was rehearsed in 1994, when the present television contract was agreed. The RFU says that England's audience is so much

greater than elsewhere that it

each of the home unions than

deserves a larger part of television money from the agreement to be ratified next Two years ago English hopes - their opposite numbers might say greed - were swayed by a deal with Sky Sports, Each home union took 25 per cent of the £27 million

agreed with the BBC but

England had the lion's share

of an additional £7 million contributed by Sky. Now the RFU has been led to believe that, not only is it the five nations' championship that lures the television companies but, above anyone else. it is England's part in that championship that attracts

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them. The potential fee has leapt from £27 million to £100 million and the on-going disagreement with its clubs has convinced the union that it

must work independently. "We don't want to hijack the five nations', we want to underpin it and support it," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said last night. "We are just trying to look after our own affairs." Nevertheless. were England, the 1996 champions, to be cast out of the five nations', it could mean the end

of the championship. The union has still to resolve its internal problems with top clubs and meetings are expected to resume early next week The clubs have made pub ic their planned schedule for next season, the significant difference from RFU prr sposals being the absence e f any representative rugby bel low international level.

The clubs envisage: a two-"313 (Oneo up ur person, "aird anobiser 410 votes were east by post or

tier European completition, the premier one cons isting of 20 clubs playing in frour groups of live, home and Faway. Another 36 clubs would play in the secondary corr metition in four groups of nin e. "It's a club competition, not

provincial, district or divisional," David, yler, of Bristol, said. "We would be prepared, in the case of Ireland or Scotlant J. to accept a group of clubs playing as Belfast or Glasp ow but it is designed for clubs, and the money would go back; to the clubs."

P jelow that the clubs envisag ,e a 12-team English Confere nce, playing each other once, rather than the RFU's tenteam first division playing home and away. The top six clubs in England and Wales would also be involved in an Anglo-Welsh Conference (AWC) first division, divided into two groups, while the bottom six clubs in each country would play in an AWC second division.

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bumpy ride to victory By PETER BRYAN JOHAN MUSEEUW, of Belledge that they had gained

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gium, the holder of the World Cup cycling road title, raised a gold plated cubblestone high above his head vesterday to celebrate victory in the Paris to Roubaix classic - the third round of the 1990 series which will rank as one of the most memorable in the 100-year history of the

It was a race that lived up to its description as l'enfer du nord - the hell of the north. It was routed along unclassified roads and farm tracks which had 22 sections of cobblestones during its 263-kilometre distance, testing not only the endurance but also the balanc-

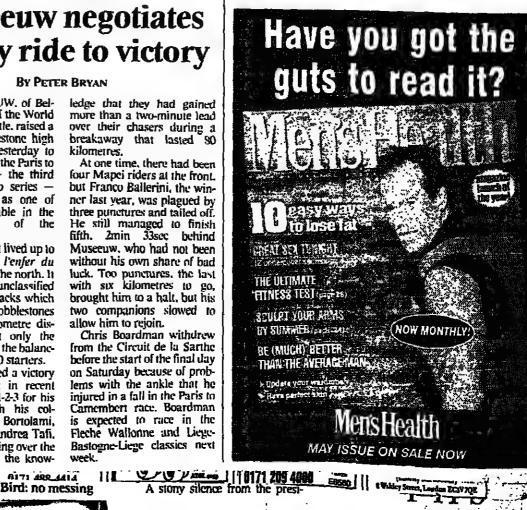
Museeuw claimed a victory without precedent in recent years, marking a 1-2-3 for his Mapei team with his colleagues, Gianluca Bortolami, of Belgium, and Andrea Tafi, of Italy, free-wheeling over the finish line safe in the know-

ing skills of the 200 starters.

more than a two-minute lead over their chasers during a breakaway that lasted 80 kilometres. At one time, there had been four Mapei riders at the front.

but Franco Ballerini, the winner last year, was plagued by three punctures and tailed off. He still managed to finish fifth. 2min 33sec behind Museeuw, who had not been without his own share of bad luck. Too punctures, the last with six kilometres to go, brought him to a halt, but his two companions slowed to allow him to reioin. Chris Boardman withdrew

from the Circuit de la Sante before the start of the final day on Saturday because of problems with the ankle that he injured in a fall in the Paris to Camembert race. Boardman is expected to race in the Fleche Wallonne and Liege-Bastogne-Liege classics next



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Norman sets out on long march to victory

From John Hopkins, colf correspondent in augusta

GREG NORMAN set out for the fourth round of the sixtleth Masters knowing that the green jacket that has eluded him in his 15 previous cam-paigns was his to lose at this sixteenth attempt.

Norman has been in stunning form here at Augusta National all week, widening his lead, two strokes at a time, from the moment he began a record-equalling 63 until he was six strokes clear of Faldo, his nearest challenger, after three rounds. His lead at that point was the third largest in Masters history, behind Ray Floyd's eight strokes in 1976 and Severiano Ballesteros's seven in 1980. There was only one winner of a major championship within ten strokes.

Everything about Norman's game looked impressive as he became the first golfer in to record five successive rounds in the 60s his last three in 1995 and his first two this year. His drives were long and straight. He was playing within himself. He reached more than threequarters of the greens in the regulation number of strokes. At 13 under par, Norman was within striking distance of the Masters' tournament record of 271, 17 under par, shared by Jack Nicklaus in 1965 and Floyd in 1976.

While others have struggled on Augusta's fast and furious putting surfaces Norman has had few problems. Though he three-putted the 3rd and 4th holes in his third round, of more significance is the fact that, over the last nine holes, he sank six putts of five feet or

Norman has been displaying some mannerisms that have not been seen before. One is to shake his left arm as if to loosen it just before he places it on his putter. Having done so, he appears to hold his putter as softly as if he is cradling a tiny, injured bird.

"On some putts, I hold my putter so softly I doubt I would even leave any finger prints on the grip." Norman said. He grips and regrips his club time after time, too, which is an obvious sign of nervousness.

"I don't think it has to be cast in stone that I have to win the Masters," Norman had said on the eve of the tournament. "We all would like to have things we've never had.

"If you get it one day, you feel a great sense of satisfacrion. I am going to go to the 1st as I have been since the first day. I am going to enjoy every

championships, has lately become prone to one horrible hole. On Saturday, it was that six on the par-four 3rd hole. and it came at just the moment when he would have wanted to start putting on the pressure.

From that moment on, and particularly at the 12th, where Norman hit his first shot into Rae's Creek and might have lost two strokes of his lead, Faldo never seemed able to sustain a challenge. Only once

birdies, five bogeys and one double bogey.
For Faldo to overtake Nor-

Phil Mickelson had as good a chance as Faldo. The young left-hander has a game that is suited to attacking golf, but for him to make up seven strokes was an awfully tall order. 'Anything is possible and I don't want to rule out the improbable," Mickelson conceded, "It will take a 64 from

mistake, he seems to recover immediately. Look at what he did after the 12th (in his third round). He promptly birdied

I'd like to have more major championships. You just have to chase that elusive rainbow and that pot of gold at the end

step I take." Faldo was Norman's closest challenger but the man who was a byword for steadiness in the late 1980s and early 1990s, when he won five major

did he have successive pars. Faldo used to be able to produce one regulation figure with a few birdies, but he had a real up and down round on Saturday — six pars, six

man in the final round, he had to get a couple of birdies early on and hope that Norman would drop at least one stroke as well. "I've got to play my own game," Faldo said before setting out. "I'm a long way back. But, you know, anything is possible. It's all to gain and nothing to lose."



Norman was entering unfamiliar territory in the Masters yesterday. His six-stroke lead was the third largest recorded with 18 holes to play. Photograph: Gary Hershorn

intimidating to his rivals and made him seem oblivious to anything going on around him that he did not want to notice. He had that stare on his face for the whole of the last round of the 1986 US Open, which he won. Norman has had much the same sort of look in his eyes all week.

The Augusta Chronicle thought to telephone two local paranormal about someone whose golf is far from normal. "Greg Norman is going to win Belle, a practising psychic for When he was at his best, 25 years, said. "I just feel it. I

am not a golf fan. I hardly ever watch it, but I saw him on TV and there's just something about him that caught my

The other psychic said much the same. She was given the names, birthdates and birthplaces of Norman, Faldo, Mickelson, Lee Janzen and David Frost. "Of those five, none has so strong an aura as Greg," she reported. "I looked seems very determined.

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high right now. The energy level range is zero to ten. Well. he's almost at that ten right

Norman once said that, when he turned 40, he still expected to play good golf for a good many years. He is 41 now, was the player of the year in the United States in 1995 and is considered to be the best player in the world by his peers. He is also ranked as such. He has won only two major titles - the Opens of 1986 and 1993 — but will never have so good a chance of adding to that total as he had

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Despairing Montgomerie fails to get the measure of Augusta

t is such a simple act, yet so brilliantly catchy, so L utterly timeless and stunningly normal, not even the best paid marketing executive - and there are a few to choose from wandering the weed-free lawns of the Augusta National golf course — could come close to dreaming it up. What could be more mundane than helping some one to put on their jacket? When the jacket happens to be a rather daunting shade of green and the giver and receiver happen to be the old and new Masters champions. At the Masters, tradition

can too often be mistaken for petry officialdom. But the doming of the green jacket is in the best line of sporting symbolism, the handing on not just of a title but a heritage which has nothing to do with the litany of rules and regulations (no cameras, no autographs, no hard-backed seats, no non-official Masters cups, no running, no ...) which make the Masters the most policed event in the sporting calendar. Nor with the mere matter of the \$400,000 (about £260,000) first prize, but everything to do with the recognition of achievement, one champion by another.

The significant thing about the ceremony yesterday. which was actually executed twice, once for television, once for real - this is America, after all - was that momentary communion of champions. Ben Crenshaw, ever mindful of his duty, stayed on in Augusta after missing the cut on Friday, spending his last days as defending champlus kicking his beels and waiting to perform that one final act which only lasted a matter of seconds. But it is an exclusive moment, only truly inderstood by the rare men who have known what it Means to emerge victorious from the four-day joust with the fickle winds and marble ■ greens of Augusta.

If any British player was destined to send their chest measurement off to the Hamilton Tailoring Company of Cincinnati, where the jackets are made from cloth specially predicted it would be Colin



ANDREW LONGMORE At the Masters

winter on carrot juice. In the days leading up to the sixtieth Masters, the Scot seemed certain to be the most potent challenger from across the Atlantic, the most likely successor to the role-call of European winners which has included Nick Faldo. Severiano Ballesteros, Sandy Lyle, Ian Woosnam and Jose-Maria Olazábal, and which has driven the Americans to distraction.

Yet to see Montgomerie after his third round on Saturday was to see a man suffering from a chronic case of incomprehension, the most dreaded disease known to a golfer. His round had included an eight and a two at successive holes, three over

and one under, in the space of about 20 minutes. "This is the most frustrating place I have ever played," he said, which is something, given that Mont-gomerie has a degree in the subject of frustration. "I can't understand this place. I am playing perfect golf and yet doing nothing. What am I supposed to do? How am I supposed to play this place?"
The press had no idea either.

On the 15th, one of the most public spots on the course, Montgomerie endured an embarrassment which is usually the preserve of club hackers. It is worth recording, if only to give hope to every golfer on the planet. For four strokes, Montgomerie did everything by the book, laying up short of



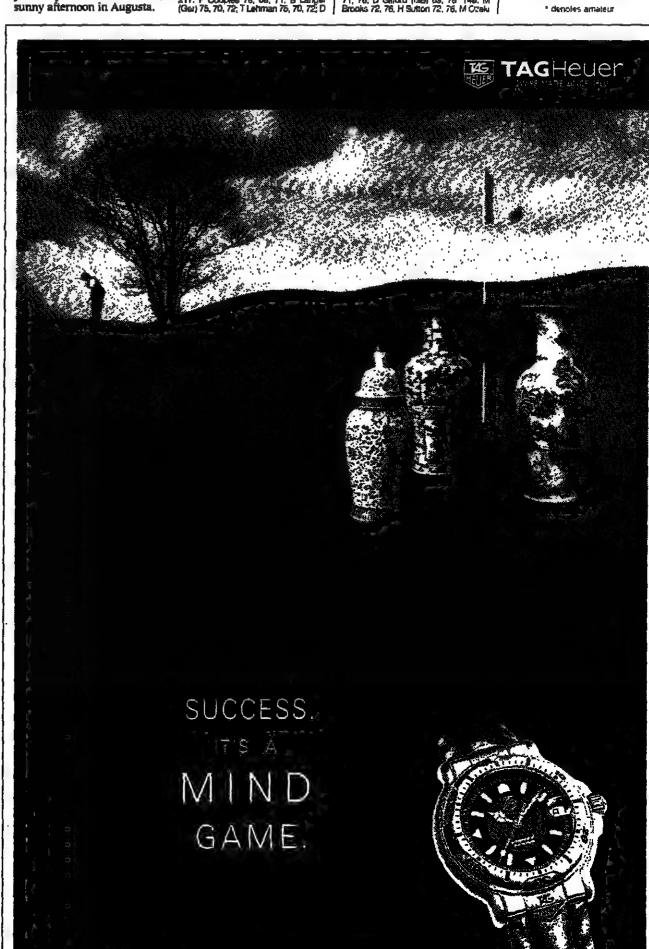
long, but safely, and dropping his first putt to within a foot of the hole. That was the easy part. His second putt rolled eight feet past the hole, the return missed as well and, from a standard par five, the Scot was plodding away with an eight.

His temper was not helped on the next hole, when his tee shot rolled to within three feet of the hole and only began to roll gently away from it when Montgomerie was walking towards the green. He made the putt anyway, but his relationship with Augusta could take some mending over the next few years, for all the promising start to his final round yesterday.

To prick the world No 2's ego further, Faldo's old grinding, relentless, spirit has surfaced once more, just as he had predicted it would. This is what brought Faldo to America, the adrenalin rush of being in contention on the last day of a major, and his second round of 67, which lifted him within sight of Norman, was a gem, not flawless by any means, but tough with a hint of sparkle amid the stone. "It's nice to be back in the hunt," he had said afterwards.

e has been back to his prickly best in the L interview room, too, giving short answers to long questions and suggesting to one journalist, who had innocently asked about the length of time he took to hit a pitch to the 12th on the third day, that he should try to play the shot sometime. "It was a difficult lie, on the edge of the cut grass, and I had to hit it from an uphill lie onto a green which sloped down. And it was the Saturday of the Masters. Does that answer your question?" he snapped before heading for the practice range with his hawk-eyed coach, David Leadbetter.

"It's just a matter of confidence," Leadbetter said, "He's hitting the ball really well but when you haven't been in contention for a major for a while, you lose confidence." Faldo has rediscovered the thrill of the chase and has clearly enjoyed every minute of it, green jacket or no green



Defeat in basement dogfight takes Rangers to the brink of relegation

Atkinson grasps direct route to safety

Coventry City ... Queens Park Rangers .. 0

BY OUVER HOLT

IN THE dark place where fear of the drop taps against tired brains like a steady drip, the pain of the slow torture is getting worse. Ron Atkinson, the Coventry City manager, ran screaming from the chamber on Saturday, clutching a precious win and wrestling with the knowledge that he had been ready to sell his footballing soul for three points. Behind him, sighing in the relegation groves, he left Ray Wilkins and a Queens Park Rangers team reduced to

dead men walking. When the match was over. players from both teams fell to their knees either in silent thanks or angry imprecation. Others raised their arms to the skies. One man, Rufus Brevett, the Rangers left back, was so consumed by the agony of it all that he had to be restrained after the final whistle from pursuing an opponent whom he had marked out as a scapegoat for the deleat.

It was hard to find nobility in the struggle. This was primitive and savage, a match of basic instincts that gnawed at the nerves. "I'm beginning to think I might be Hannibal Lecter." Bryan Richardson. the Coventry chairman, said before the game. "I've done more than chew off my finger nails. I'm right up to my elbaws now

Coventry have been here before, of course. Eight times in their improbable 29-year stay in the top division, they have secured survival on the last day of the season. Their supporters are hardened to it all, now, almost blase, in fact, Atkinson is more susceptible to the tensions that the battle

brings. When Coventry played Liverpool last week, he cracked. For the first time in a managerial career distinguished by the fine football that his teams play, the skill and artistry that he infuses into their fabric, he threw his principles to the wind and told them to play the long ball. They won I-O, with a goal from Whelan. "It is the first time I have told the players to thump it big and not to pass too often in their own half," he



Strachan, the veteran Coventry midfield player, shows no lack of determination as he slides in to tackle Impey. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Atkinson has created a Coventry side that neutrals are excited by, a team built on players with flair such as Whelan, Jess. Salako, Strachan and Ndlovu. For once, people may not actually be willing Coventry down.

On Saturday, though, Atkinson went into the game with the same limited intentions. He left out Jess, his £2 million signing from Aberdeen, a player of style, guile and grace, and put his faith in Paul Williams, a strong runner whose first touch is not his strong point. Atkinson told Jess that he had to sacrifice a little quality for the struggle and Jess understood. He faced relegation in Scotland last season and Aberdeen left him Then, though, Atkinson was saved from himself. Rennie, a centre back replacement for the injured Busst, was withdrawn at half-time with an ankle injury. Williams moved back to defence, Jess came into midfield, the acres of space that had opened up in their back four every time that a

busy as ever, slipped a pass down the line to Whelan, who drew two men to him before flicking the ball back to Strachan. His deep cross was

and Jess nipped in front of two defenders to head the ball past

By then, Gallen had already missed Rangers' best chance of taking the lead when he escaped his marker but headed Sinclair's cross against the

Derby denied

angle of post and crossbar. He compounded his miss by shooting high and wide in the dying minutes when a square ball would have set up Wilkins, the player-manager, who brought himself on for Hateley 12 minutes from the

In the eightieth minute of a

match that had already produced five bookings, the ten-sion got too much for Impey, the Rangers midfield player. He got involved in a niggly shoving match with Hall, who was to become the object of Brevett's vengeful desires, and ended it by kicking out at him.

Coventry may be safe now. They are still in the bottom three, but they have a game in hand over Manchester City. who are one point above them with Aston Villa and Liverpool to play. For Rangers, who must beat West Ham United at home and Nottingham Forest away to have any chance, it looks as though the struggle is over and only the preserving of their dignity and honour

They were undone by their poor finishing on Saturday and by the ineffectiveness of Hateley in attack. He looked out of his depth, even against a defence as woeful as Coventry's, a sad symbol of Wilkins's lack of success in the transfer market. If there was consolation for Rangers, it was in their manager's continued stoicism, his humour, and his confidence that success will come next season in the face of what looks increasingly like failure this year.

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City's unsettled strike force has uphill task

Manchester City Sheffield Wednesday 0

BY PETER BALL

IT IS hard to be a Manchester City supporter, part two. "How did United get on?" one demanded after Čity's tense. scrambling victory on Saturday. Told that United had lost. instead of the news making his day, he could only symbolically bang his head against the wall in despair at the thought of what Southampton's victory could mean for his own team.

There had been little enough for him to celebrate anyway. Only Uwe Rosler's goal stilled the growing hum of discontent as City froze. misplaced pass following misplaced pass.

A win, though, is a win. except that, where City are concerned, even that truism has to be qualified. City's three points were invaluable - but not that invaluable, a piece of logic, or illogic, that City followers are all too familiar with, It will be very hard now for Queens Park Rangers and Bolton Wanderers to escape the drop; but the three points that Coventry City and Southampton also gained on Satur-day leaves them competing with City to avoid the third relegation spot.

City are one place above the relegation zone with a point advantage over Coventry, and level on 34 points with Southampton, but Coventry and Southampton have a game in hand, albeit both away, and, critically. City have the worst goal difference. Their position bodes ill, and so did their performance on Saturday.

For a team in trouble, a home game against Sheffield Wednesday should be the stuff of dreams - a team with nothing to play for, little commitment and not much pace - but City's nerves were not so much exposed as red

With Kinkladze manmarked by Atherton, only Lomas showed the urgency and conviction necessary to exploit Wednesday's lack of real desire. Indeed, if Hirst had looked like his old self. instead of a lumbering copy. Wednesday could have turned

angry rebellion before the interval. As it was, the boos at half-time were scattered.

The murmurs were spreading again by the time that Quinn and Phillips appeared. Rösler, so unhappy at being left out a week ago, and Kavelashvili had their moments, but there was a lack of genuine threat. Yet that has been the problem all season. as Ball pointed out to Quinn before the game.

Phillips took the throw-in for his first touch, threw it to Quinn who held off Newsome, turned and laid it across goal for Rosler to explode in front of his defender and crash it past Pressman, a goal completely out of context with the previous stumbling efforts. An inspired substitution? "Nah," Ball said, "a fluke."

Quinn, who had been left out for Kavelashvili, did not claim that it was inspired either, but he made his point more subtly than Rösler had done the previous week when he had come on and promptly scored, and gestured across to

his watching manager.
I'm a bit long in the tooth to do what Uwe did," Quinn said, "but it's a funny thing that the boss told me that he was leaving me out because Uwe and I weren't quite hitting it off as a pair, that we had had plenty of opportunities all season and it hadn't worked. Yet with my first touch, I set up the winner for

Wednesday should have equalised when Pembridge broke clear with Hirst inside him to advance on Immel. A. square pass and the trap-door would have opened for City. but Pembridge went for glory and City survived for another

With Aston Villa and Liverpool as their last two games, logic suggests that they will not for much longer, but logic has no place at Maine Road so, City being City, they will probably beat Liverpool on the last day of the season to survive.

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hopeful ball was punted up there closed up, and Coventry were their old, footballing selves again. The goal, when it came in the 69th minute, was a worthy winner, an oasis in the desert of desperation, Strachan, as

Todd left to draw logical conclusion West Ham United .

By KEITH PIKE

Bolton Wanderers0

FOR another 12 days, at least, Bolton Wanderers can dream on in the hope that the final credits have yet to roll in their version of The Great Escape. Perhaps their supporters forget that the hero of that film ended back in solitary. his motorbike wrapped up in barbed wire.

Simple mathematics suggest that all is not lost: victories in their last two games, at home to Southampton on April 27 and away to Arsenal eight days later, coupled with a series of unlikely results elsewhere, could indeed save them. Simple logic, however, says otherwise, and Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, is a logical man. "There

is still a chance, but we need a miracle now," he said. Does he believe in them?"I just wish l could." So, having escaped from the

Endsleigh Insurance League first division via a dramatic play-off victory at Wembley. Bolton appear condemned to an immediate return. It would be stretching a point to say that there are three worse teams in the FA Carling Premiership than them, or even that they will be sadly missed, but despair will not be confined solely to Burnden Park. Bolton do, at least, try to play the right way and, in Curcic, Sellars and Stubbs. have three players whose tal-

ents deserve a better stage. Their weaknesses, though, far outnumber their strengths. and explain not only why they lost this match at Upton Park. but also why they have been in the bottom three for nearly seven months. They cannot score regularly - Dicks, the West Ham left back, who was watched on Saturday by Terry Venables, the England coach. without either weakening or pressing his international claims, would be comfortably their leading marksman and they possess the most porous defence in the Premier-

ship. It is a recipe for

relegation. For half an hour against West Ham, the ingredients were mixed nicely. Of the seven chances that Bolton created in that time, two were denied by superb defending from the impressive Bilic, but the best was spooned over an open goal by Blake, whose return of one goal in 19 appearances since a £1.5 million transfer from Sheffield United makes him a candidate

for expensive mistake of the

allowed a free run on to Williamson's cleverly weighted chip forward, and Ward, previously unemployed, was helpless as the shot beat him low to his left. Thereafter, as Bolton's determination gave way to desperation, it was West Ham who threatened most. Ward saving twice with his legs from Cottee.

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Then a lapse, a goal, and another defeat. Cottee was

"I could not have asked for more from my players." Todd said. "I don't know what we have to do wo win a game of football." The answer, depressingly enough, is proba-bly "get relegated".

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2) I. Middako — T Breacker S Bille, M Resper, J Dicks — S Stater (sub & Rowland 44mm), I Bistrop, D Williamson, M Hughes (Bub: J Moncus 78) — A Coffee I Otime BOLTON WANDERERS (4-5-1) 13 Ward — G Bergsson C Fancibugh S Coloman, J Philips — J McGinlay S Curbic, A Stubbs. S Beleas A Thompson — N Baira (sub F de France Co.)

Old school ties serve Lancing well

Ivo Tennant sees some skilful football get its due reward in the Arthur Dunn Cup final

enabled Lancing Old Boys to win the Arthur Dunn Cup for the fifth time in 13 years. Their 4-1 victory over Old Brentwoods at Motspur Park owed much to the skill of lan Brown-Peterside and the coaching of Ken Shearwood. a figure as distinctive on a football ground as the school's most famous former pupil and supporter. Sir Tim Lancing knocked Old

Brentwoods out of this competition, which is for public schools old boys, in each of the past two years. Only for the first 20 minutes was there any likelihood of a different result on this occasion. Sullivan. the Brentwood captain, gave them the lead with a deflected shot at a time when there was a distinct edginess about Lancing's game.

All that changed after halftime. Indeed. Brown-Petercide had already hit a post by the time he skipped nimbly past two defenders and struck the first of his two goals beyond Gilbert. His second.

FOUR goals in the second through a deft shot. Neat, half, all scored with dexterity. core of Lancing's game. That. and a defensive record of having conceded only 19 goals in 15 matches in the Arthurian League premier division. Brentwood, who are top of the lower league, the Arthorian first division, were restricted to just three further goal

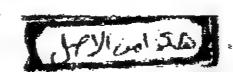
> Lancing's third goal was driven into the narrowest of gaps between goalkeeper and post by Wyatt, who then provided the ideal pass for Alcock four minutes from the end. The cup, which dates from 1902, was presented to Mercer, the Lancing captain. by Jane Sawyer. Arthur Dunn's granddaughter. It is not, perhaps, such a glamor-ous final as its equivalent in the summer, The Cricketer Cup, but this game was well attended and sportingly and skilfully contested.

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Old Brentwoods reflect on another net loss in the final



Delight of Dell devotees masks deficiencies of off-colour Premiership pace-setters

ty's unsettle strike force is uphill tag Southampton united by leaders' disparity

Southampton Manchester United 1

TIMES WINDOW

By DAVID MILLER

HAPPINESS, for some, is not a cigar, it is the incineration of Manchester United. It would be difficult to measure the depths of satisfaction, the glee. the relief, of Southampton's consuming 3-1 victory over the FA Carling Premiership leaders. United? You must be

Southampton have this season been made to look poor by the likes of Reading. Crewe Alexandra and Swindon Town, never mind serious opponents. Yet, having lost five of their previous seven matches, the small-town team dismissed Goliath with David-like aplomb.

Sport exercises a strange power over people. The radi-ancy at the limish on the faces of Southampton supporters was uncontained. Here, simultaneously, was the most desired, and, given the circurnstances, the most unlikely result of the whole season. This single scoreline justified the cost of a season ticket.

Amid the celebration of a momentary triumph that makes escape from relegation

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a pulse-quickering possibility for Southampton, it was overlooked that Manchester United had given an abysmal performance. Only Schmel-chel emerged with credit and even he made the error that presented Le Tissier with the third goal. Dis-United was the

At half-time, Manchester changed from a grey kit, in which they have never won, to blue and white. It made no difference. "When we were told in the dressing-room," Dave Beasant, the Southampton goalkeeper, said, "we felt good, because we knew they were desperately looking for something to change their

In their first defeat since the turn of the year, United were without shape or substance. Most conspicuously, Giggs, inaccurate beyond belief and endlessly squandering possesincluding a mo before the second goal after 23 minutes, which all but sealed the outcome - endured from start to finish the "nightmare" to which Alex Ferguson referred afterwards. "We can't be proud of our defending, it was terrible," Ferguson said. They got about us, stopped the flow." The trickle, he might have said.

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Bruce was made to appear clumsy in central defence; Sharpe, at left back - until



Graham Poll, the referee, keeps a close watch as Cantona gets the better of Magilton during Southampton's 3-1 victory over Manchester United. Photograph: Ian Stewart

replaced by May early in the second half, when Irwin switched to left back and Gary Neville from central defence to right back - suffered continembarrassment against the threat of Dodd, Magilton and the roaming Shipperley: Butt and Keane, in central

midfield, were pedestrian. In front of this disarray, Cantona walked around, aloof and with hands on hips, as if to say that he wished to be no part of such ineptitude. It was not an impressive captain's he gestured at colleagues with Gallic despair. Within half an hour, indeed, the whole team had begun snapping at each other like a squabbling bunch of stray dogs.

As for Cole, he ran about

energetically, in his bentlegged, unathletic way, but got no change out of Benali and Monkou, who was arguably man of the match. The other contender was Shipperley — there is no front-runner in the

League with a bigger heart. Afterwards, Dave Merrington revealed the profundity of his mismanagement this season, which has abetted Southampton's crisis. He had told Le Tissier, "who hasn't had a great season", to ignore everybody else and be a bit more selfish. That advice should ensure Southampton's

relegation next season. if not

Le Tissier's selfishness, or rather his detachment from integrated teamwork, is one of it now did not matter because of the red-hot industry of Neilson, Dodd, Magilton, Venison and Heaney. Southampton found a team performance in the hour of greatest need, within which all the individual touches of Le Tissier were peripheral rather than central

United had one early chance that might have directed the tide of the match their way. With nine minutes gone,

Cantona linked with Cole, who struck a perfect through pass diagonally behind Southampton's rearguard. Butt timed his run to perfection as Southampton hesitated, but his viciously-struck shot rose above Beasant's crossbar. Within three minutes, Southampton were in front.

From Le Tissier's free kick on the left, an inswinger, United's defence failed to react and Monkou was able to meet the hall with a bludgeoning header five yards out. Schmeichel made a stupendous reflex save, but Monkou drove the rebound home.

Now, Southampton had a real grip on affairs. Dodd and Le Tissier went close before Shipperley, taking Neilson's low cross in his stride, hooked sharply inside the near post to heighten United's discomfort. If the leaders were to save

the match, something had to come now. There was nothing ' there. Le Tissier drove a venomous shot at Schmeichel

and, two minutes before halftime, Schmeichel failed to hold a long, swerving cross from Shipperley as he lunged between his defenders. The ball fell at Le Tissier's feet and he calmly steered it home just inside the right-hand post of a now unprotected goal.

Scholes came out for the second half in place of Butt. yet, hard though he worked, he could not pull together United's fraved ends. For a quarter of an hour. Southampton continued to dominate and missed three or four chances in the last half-hour, it was a performance that they will wish to banish from memory before they take on Leeds United at home on

Wednesday. Wednesday.

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PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

Sad Leeds fail to strike right note

Leeds United

By ALYSON RUDD

LEEDS United are spoilsports, the sort that bring a karanke machine to a party and leave as soon as someone plugs it in. Against Chelses on Saturday, they fielded three central defenders with no wing backs, which could have heralded a free-flowing, at-tacking, Ajax-style flourish to the end of their season, but did

Palmer, McAllister and Speed contested a congested spot just in front of the defence. Brolin still lacks full fitness and was, therefore, completely anonymous, except when he required the attention of the physiotherpaist. Kelly was so overworked that charity must have started a rescue "Life is not sweet at our

place," Howard Wilkinson. the Leeds manager, said. Bolion Wanderers might disagree - after all, Leeds will not be relegated - but, indeed, it is sour. The resignation of Leslie Silver, the Leeds chairman, simply added to the general doom and gloom. Once again, supporters called for Wilkinson to leave.

Fortunately for the stewards, only a handful really shouted for their manager's head and they were able, Serefore, to escort them from the ground - on Glenn Hoddle's orders, it transpired. Of course, had 1,000 visiting supporters all chanted in unison for Wilkinson to be given the sack, they would have stayed to see out the game.

Wilkinson was calm, statesmanlike, frank, good-humoured - in short, a man who has already made the big decision, although whether that is to leave, stay or move

upstairs remains to be seen. Hoddle's future is also the subject of speculation. He is touted as a successor to Terry Venables as England coach and still has not signed an extension to his contract as manager of Chelsea. Hoddle says that he cannot bind himself to a club that does not have a clear boardroom structure. A meeting at Stamford Bridge this week should explain what the truce between Ken Bates and Matthew Harding actually means for Hoddle.

In the meantime, there is a limited amount of pleasure that can be gleaned from a victory over a team as glum and disorientated as Leeds and, really, the scoreline should have been more emphatic. Hughes notched the first Chelsea hat-trick in six years and Spencer scuttled through the Leeds defence before clinically beating the despondent Lukic. McAllister roused himself in the second half and slipped the ball under Kharine, and the final quarter of an hour was conducted at half-pace.

The contest, did, however, give Gullit the opportunity to thank his supporters for voting him the club's player of the season by indulging in spo-radic artistry that was so smooth that it looked like a trick of the light. The real trick, however, was how Leeds found themselves at Wembley this season and not Chelsea. CHELSEA (3-4-2-1): D Kreme — M
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Ekoku keeps Crazy Gang in top flight

Middlesbrough1 Wimbledon

By MARK HODKINSON

RIPPLES of excitement and incredulity ebbed through Middlesbrough's packed Riverside Stadium. Supporters shook their heads in disbelief. some were almost out of their seats. The thrill, lamentably, was vicarious and supplied exclusively by those enough to bring along a radio.

The FA Carling Premiership had gone mad. Southampton were three to the good against Manchester United before half-time, Chelsea were walloping Leeds United, and Blackburn Rovers, those habitual away-day losers, had gone nap at Nottingham Forest.

Strange, indeed, but, in the face of such eccentricity, Mid-dlesbrough and Wimbledon, the patron saints of stoicism, remained steadfast. A leaden

endeavour was anticipated and duly provided.

Even one of the men responsible for staging it was nonplussed. "I was bored with it; if I'm sitting there bored, the fans are going to be bored as well," Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said. "The work-rate was there, it always is with us, but we were sluggish and gave the ball

away all the time."

At least Wimbledon had a game plan and were spared the cacophony of groans and insults that the Middlesbrough players suffered every time that theirs went awry. Without the ball, Wimbledon surrendered most of the pitch. but the blue are around Sullivan's goal was all but impenetrable. With the ball. they were fleet of foot and, in Ekoku and Holdsworth, they had the resolve that Middles-

Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, was pleased

brough lacked.

with the result, but the siege mentality is likely to remain firm for some while yet. "We are criticised from here to kingdom come, but I think we play good football," he said. "I have to find players from the lower leagues. I cannot shop at the top." He listed the cost of each player in his team, the most expensive of which is Efan Ekoku, at £920,000. The



Kinnear: shoestring budget

- that's less than Juninho's wages," he said. Wimbledon scored first when Earle scrambled an

excellent cross from Jones into the net. Sullivan saved magnificently from Pollock before Fleming equalised for Middlesbrough. The defender, 27 and 151 competitive games into his career, guided the ball exquisitely past Sullivan. It was, amazingly, his first goal in professional football. At least its assurance matched its

Barmby, six yards clear of the pack, was set to race towards goal, but the ball ran from his control. It was typical of Middlesbrough's busy but muddled play, where their midfield resembled a pinball

Juninho was denied space. especially after the break, when Reeves, the Wimbledon substitute, was brought on specifically to haunt his every move. When the Brazilian did

times in the right back position. Wimbledon took the lead and secured the win when Earle passed to Ekoku and he waited patiently for Miller to move before placing it beyond his reach. The win effectively guaran-

tees Wimbledon another sea-

son in the Premiership, but

Kinnear hardly raised a smile. "If we had had a centre half this season and kept free of so many injuries, we could have been in the top six," he said. We can still ruffle a few feathers in the Premier League. The lowest we finished in the past five years is twelfth. See you all next season."

MIDDLESBROUGH (4-4-2) A Miller — N Pearson, S Vickers, P Whetan, C Fleming — N Cox, J Pollock, G Kavanagh (sub C Freestons, 68min), A Moore — Juninho, N

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Shearer cuts path through unguarded Forest

Nottingham Forest... Biackburn Rovers

BY A CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Frank Clark, the Nottingham Forest manager, paid generous tribute to the quality and resilience of Blackburn Rovers before this match at the City Ground on Saturday, he was clearly unprepared for the extent to which his words would be embarrassingly confirmed.

By adding five goals to the 7-0 demolition of his side at Ewood Park in November, Blackburn completed the most crushing double experienced by Clark. Clark was disbelieving at the finish.
"I'm just pleased we only play Black-burn twice in a season," he said. "I still

can't grasp that we've lost 5-1 or how

we managed to be 3-1 down at halftime. It was basically down to poor Whatever the reason, Forest's out-

side chance of qualifying for the Uefa Cup next season has been virtually removed by a team still retaining such ambitions themselves. Clark described Blackburn's opening goal as "a comedy of errors" and criticised the way that his defenders attempted to play an offside trap near the halfway line.

Admirers of Alan Shearer will have seen it differently, praising the way that he made the chance for himself. Losing his marker by moving out to the left in front of Mike Newell's pass, he delayed his run to perfection to avoid a linesman's flag and give himself a clear run on goal.

It was the inspired moment that summed up the difference between two sweet-passing teams. Forest's whistle, they had had 13 scoring ability to finish off their approaches attempts in two games against us and has been suspect since the enforced sale of Stan Collymore to Liverpool.

Blackburn, with Shearer having accumulated 35 goals this season, have no such problems. Further goals by Billy McKinlay, Jason Wilcox (two) and Graham Fenton, a substitute, were equally accepted with the kind of dynamism lacking in the efforts of Jason Lee and Kevin Campbell, who should have put Forest 2-0 up in the opening 20 minutes.

Ian Woan's curving low shot, three minutes from half-time, brought Forest hope at 2-1, but the first of Wilcox's goals restored the two-goal roargin within a couple of minutes as Shearer turned provider with a superblyjudged cross from the right.

We were still in the game at 3-1 down," Clark said, "but, by the final

attempts in two games against us and scored 12 goals." The latest addition to Blackburn's

armoury is the eager and energetic Fenton, whose two goals as substitute last week seemingly left Newcastle United's championship attempt on the verge of collapse.

Arriving in the 68th minute, when Forest still had the chance to redecem themselves, he supplied the hard-driven centre for Wilcox's second goal before completing the five-goal success by rounding the unfortunate Mark Crossley to score into an unguarded net.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2) M Crossley — D Lyttle (sub P McGegor, 80mm), S Chettle, C Cooper, S Pearce — S Stone, A Haaland, C Ban-Williams, I Woan — J Lee, — Silone A Hasand, C Bart-Williams, I Woan — J Let K Campbet BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Howers — H Berg, I Hendry, C Coleman, J Kenna — S Riptey, T Sherwood, i McKiniay, J Wilcox — A Shoarer, M Newell (sub: (Farton, 68)

Celtic keep up pursuit leaving Hibernian struggling

A KNOT of Celtic supporters remained behind after the 2-1 victory over Hibernian at Easter Road yesterday to cheer their heroes when they emerged to exercise on the field. Their team, too, are in the habit of sticking around. It is sheer doggedness that keeps them only four points behind Rangers in the Bell's Scottish League premier division, for they had to recover from falling behind here.

Hibernian, reduced to ten men when Love was sent off for swinging an arm into Van Hooijdonk's face after 39 minutes, retained surprsing elan for a beleaguered team. Five minutes after the interval. there was even grandeur as McGinlay turned to sweep a left-footed volley into the net.

Celtic are fortunate in possessing a remedy for the ailment of a lost goal. There have been rumours that other clubs, including Feyenoord, will bid for Van Hooijdonk, but his present employers ought to recoil from the very idea. The forward's effectiveness in front of goal is the engine that has kept the club rolling smoothly.

The barracking of the crowd, for his part in Love's dismissal, left the brash Dutchman unperturbed, and his equaliser, headed in from Donnelly's cross after 68 minutes, was the work of a wholly composed footballer. The winner, nine minutes from the



end and his thirtieth goal of the season, required less

commentary

McStay sent Thom, a substitute, down the right wing and the German squared for Van Hooijdonk to tuck the ball home from close range. There was indignation among the Hibernian support, but tele-Thom had been onside. In any case, there is more than a linesman's decision for people at Easter Road to trouble over

these days.
As a challenge to the Old Firm becomes, in the League at least, ever more of a pipe dream, clubs search elsewhere for their reasons to exist. They do not have to look far. however, since the obvious triumph is to be found in the immediate vicinity. A football club can be warmed by the friction that comes when you rub up a rival the wrong way.

Hibernian, in the past few years, have had the satisfaction of feeling superior to Heart of Midlothian, but that has simply made the present role reversal all the more objectionable to supporters. In December, Hibernian were ten points ahead of Hearts. Now, after this defeat, they are 12 points behind them.

Nor is there enough civic pride in a football follower's heart for any Hibernian man to take pleasure in Hearts' progress to the Tennents Scottish Cup final. The spirit shown by their side yesterday will muffle the protests for a while, but it cannot end a debate. Two new stands have been

erected and handsomely equipped. A significant part of the funding for them is underwritten by Tom Farmer, the millionaire who rescued the club from bankruptcy in 1991. He has no known interest in football, does not attend matches and said that he bought Hibernian because he did not feel that the people of Leith should lose such a focal point in the community.

It is, though, a long time since anyone remarked on his philanthropy. Instead, supporters wonder why money cannot be spent on the side as well as the stadium. Farmer may retort that the facilities bring a return on his investments, but one might wonder for how long Hibernian can sell those suites once the football has gone sour.

Elsewhere, of course, cash continues to flow unchecked. Last week. Rangers held a four-hour meeting with agents acting for Gianluca Vialli. David Murray, the Rangers chairman, stated at the weekend that terms had been agreed for the Juventus forward. It is reported that Vialli would earn £6 million over the course of a three-year contract. He must now decide whether to join Rangers, who beat Partick Thistle 5-0 on Saturday, or Parma.

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NEWCASTLE

Aston Villa: M Bosnoch, & Chanles, A Whigh, U Bhlogu, P McGlath, I Taylor, M Draper, A Townserd, B Yoshe (subt J Joschm, Türsin), T Johnson (sub R Scoreca, 79mlu), S Milosevic. oniced: Ehiogu, Taylor, Jahnson

TODAY

Arsenal v Tottenham CAPTAIN Gary Mabbutt returns for Tottenham Hotspur after hamstring trouble However, Andy Sinton, with a thigh injury, and David Howells, with a back injury, are still doubtful. Nigel Winterburn returns for

Arsenal but Tony Adams is still out

after knee surgery.



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DERBY DOUBLE THREE encounters stand out in the FA Carting Premiership calendar in terms of rivelry — the clashes of neighbouring clube in Manchester, Liverpool and north London. It is a rare quirk of the fadure list to throw up two of these "derity" matches in two days, especially as the reverse fadures were on the same day in November. Three teams involved are playing for European qualification while Liverpool still have a stim chance of landing the championship — added spice to the usuel Merseyside pride and passion. These are the witel statistics for this week's derby matches.

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EVERTON v LIVERPOOL (tomorrow) This season at Anfield: Liverpool 1 (Fowler) Everton 2 (Kanchetskis), Booked: 3, Att. 40,818.

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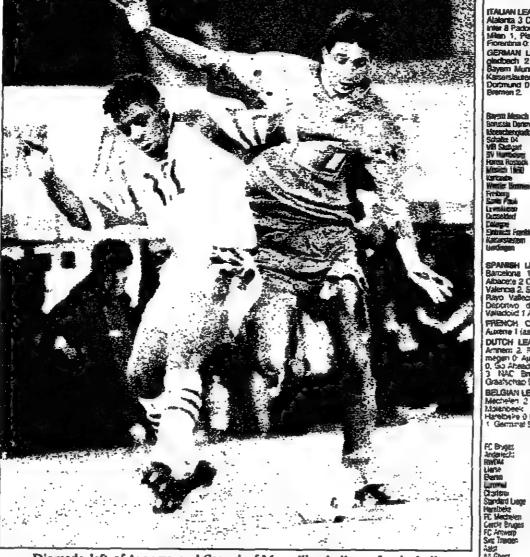
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Derby stay on course for step up in status

Charlton Athletic0 Derby County0

By Pat Gibson

FIFTY years to the month after they beat them 4-1 after extra time in the FA Cup Final, Derby County again broke Charlton Athletic's hearts, in a match that meant almost as much to both sides at The

Charlton knew that they had to win to retain any hope of automatic promotion to the FA Carling Premiership; instead. Derby denied them to take a point that keeps their chances of a return to the promised land in their own

The expressions on the faces of the respective managers told their own stories afterwards. "The most important thing today was to avoid defeat," Jim Smith, the Derby

Mitch Cook, the manager of Scarborough, may lose his job of 21 days after he allegedly took a group of players to a pub on Friday night, the day before their 5-1 Endsleigh Insurance League third division defeat away to Plymouth Argyle.

manager, said, "so we have got to be happy with this result. In all honesty, I did not see Chariton as a threat. Crystal Palace are, but we are still three points in front of them with three games to play — two at home and one of them against

Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, was not so content. "I'm a bit down," he said. "It was all set up for a great day for us, but we got carried away with the atmosphere. I was pleased with the performance and the commitment, but we were a bit anxious when we were in their penalty box and that was very

disappointing." Now, Charlton will have to take their chances in the play-offs, and just how much both sides wanted to avoid that particular lottery was evident in a frenzied match, full of whole-hearted endeavour, but

cal conclusion

short of the quality that would be required at a higher level.

It claimed its first victim in the fourth minute when Darryl Powell, the Derby midfield player, tore a hamstring so badly that Smith fears that he may be out for the rest of the season. Flynn worked hard enough to make sure that he was not too badly missed, but all the early pressure came from Charlton, whose desperation was shown by the way that they snatched at their chances, most notably when Allen headed over the bar after Hoult had blocked a fierce shot from Robinson.

Derby, attacking on the break, looked more clinical and would have taken the lead in the seventeenth minute but for Petterson, Charlton's thirdchoice goalkeeper, who had to be recalled from a loan spell with Colchester United to pick up the gloves because of injuries to Salmon and Ammann. Simpson released Sturridge on the left, the cross was perfect and Van der Laan's header was bound for the far corner of the net until Petterson threw himself

Petterson was to make another important save in the second half when a drive by Flynn was deflected in another break by Derby, although, by then, Charlton should have been ahead. Jones flashed a shot a foot wide after a tremendous scramble inside the goalmouth and, when Leaburn headed back Jones's deep cross, Newton's volley ricocheted via Hoult's legs on to a post and then away to

to his right to save one-

safety.
"If we could have got one goal, I'm sure we would have gone on to win," Curbishley said: but, if it is any consolation to him, Charlton did not have to wait long for consolation after that 1946 final disappointment. They won the Cup

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-4-2): M. Petterson — M. Jackson, C. Whyla, S. Bainer, S. Snown — S. Newton, L. Bowyer, K. Jones, J. Robertson — C. Leaburn, B. Atlen (aub. D. Whyle, 80mm).

DERBY COUNTY (5-3-2): R Houtr — L Carsley (sub* P Trollope, 68mm), D Yams, I Stimer, G Rowell, C Powell — R van der Leen, P Simpson, D Powell (sub* S Pyrn, 4) — M Gabbiedin (sub* A Werd, 76), P Sandopa



Stevens, left, the creator of Shrewsbury Town's goal, tussles for possession with Brechin at Wembley yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Jemson jogs memories of better days

Rotherham United 2 Shrewsbury Town 1

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

FILE this one under "romantic" rather than "glamorous". The final of the Auto Windscreens Shield between Rotherham United and Shrewsbury Town, neither of whom previously graced the Wembley turf, was settled by two goals from Nigel Jemson, a player who has known the limelight but who feared for his career after a near-fatal car crash four years ago.

The auspices for goalscorers before the match were good; the presentation of

the teams to Geoff Hurst was surely a better choice than the talkative Virginia Bottomley for the Coca-Cola Cup final.

In the opening minutes, it was Shaun Goater, Rotherham's Bermuda international, who drew most inspiration from Hurst's presence. He was alive to more possibilities than anyone, including most of his team-mates, intercepting a back-pass, having a goal-bound effort blocked by Whiston, and providing op-

portunities for less alert colleagues.

In the nineteenth minute, Goater tricked his way into the area on the left and his

low, precise cross, was swept

high into the net by Jemson,

est and Sheffield Wednesday player, whose goal won the 1990 Littlewoods Cup final, and who is on loan from Notts County.

the former Nottingham For-

Shrewsbury replied with a succession of free kicks and corners which caused minor unease among the defenders. but Matthew Clarke, 21, the Rotherham goalkeeper and captain, was hardly tested. It looked as if picking up the trophy would be his most strenuous work of afternoon.

Shrewsbury's half-time introduction of Anthrobus, formerly with Wimbledon and Miliwall, was probably de-signed to give Clarke more to

Edwards, their own goalkeeper, who found himself under pressure. Walton's header back to him was short and, as Jemson bore down on goal, Edwards could only hack the ball against the forward's body, leaving him the simple task of running it into the

think about; instead, it was

Remembering, no doubt, surrendered a two-goal lead to them only the previous weekend. Shrewsbury hung on and, with ten minutes to go, Taylor reduced the deficit from close range after Stevens had cut the ball back, but there was to be no repeat of the earlier scoreline; indeed.

only a fine save from Edwards prevented Jemson from claiming a hat-trick in stoppage time.

"It could be a stepping stone back to the top for him."
Archie Gemmill, the joint Rotherham manager, said, but everyone deserves as much credit. The lads always give their best. Sometimes, it's not good enough, but today, from goalkeeper outside left, they all played

ROTHERHAM UNITED 14-4-2), IA Clerke — P Blades, I Breckn, N Pichardson P Hurst — T Berry, D Garner S Goodern, A Roccoe — N Jernson, S Goaler

Stevenage salvage point but concede initiative

Stevenage Borough Stalybridge Celtic 2

By WALTER GAMMIE

WHEN Barry Hayles headed home Mark Smith's cross, raced in to retrieve the ball and return it to the centre spot. Stevenage Borough, in the 87th minute, at last, caught the mood of urgency that Paul Fairclough, their manager, had tried to instil from the

It helped to retrieve a point against Stalybridge Celtic at Broadhall Way on Saturday as Stuart Beevor went on to prod home a corner by Steve Berry to gain an equaliser in the third minute of injury time. The late spark of form. however, came too late to prevent another twist in the tale of the Vauxhall Conference season.

Stevenage know that they yielded ground to Woking, both in the two points that they gave up and in terms of psychological advantage. Woking had been crushed 40 by Stevenage on Easter Monday but, by winning at Gates-head on Saturday, they healed the scars.

"If we'd won today, I don't think it would have mattered, I really don't think Woking would have caught us." Fairelough said glumly. In-

An all-Cheshire FA Umbro Trophy final at Wembley on May 19 looks likely after the Vauxhall Conference clubs. Macclesfield Town, 3-1 home winners over Chorley, and Northwich Victoria, who won 2-I at Hyde United, came out on top in the first leg of the semi-finals on Saturday.

stead, it is again up to Stevenage to grase the doubts when they travel to play Kettering Town tomorrow night while Woking have an easier looking task at home to Farnborough Town.

Against Stalybridge, whom they had clobbered 5-2 on their own patch last month. Stevenage succumbed to the temptation to take things too easily. Three minutes into the second half. Stevenage paid for their sloppy approach when Powell, with the aid of a pinball-style ricochet, put Stalybridge ahead. Burke then seemed to put the match out of reach in the 82nd minute.

Sodje was too casual as he tried to flick on a clearance and Burke, ball presented to his feet, unhesitatingly out in and shot precisely past Gallagher. Finally, then. Stevenage were stung into action.

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Gunn: bad bounce

Freak goal decides bruising local encounter

Norwich City

BY IVO TENNANT

FOR Ipswich Town, a much-needed victory in their quest for a place in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-offs. For spectators and television viewers of a less parochial nature, this was the inevitable derby. An inadequate pitch, seven bookings and a lecture from the referee to one bench in the first half alone, numerous misplaced passes and a quite absurd winning goal. The ill-feeling was heightened after

players — Ullathorne, Bradshaw and Fleck — said that they been struck by Ipswich supporters who invaded the pitch. These things shouldn't happen," Gary Megson, the Norwich manager, said, "but I don't want to be dwelling on the morons who came on to the pitch after the game was

With Ipswich having lost their two matches over Easter, their need for victory, given their promotion ambitions, was that much more desperate. The winning goal, five minutes before the end, epitomised the scrappiness of the football. Ullathorne, Norwich's left back, opted to pass

back to his goalkeeper rather than seek the sanctity of the stand.

He was but ten yards from Gunn, that most experienced of professionals, who chose not to control the ball but to attempt to belt it downfield. He lunged with his left foot, made no contact at all, and could only watch, head in hands, as it trickled into his net. Blame not Gunn but the groundsman. The bounce was dreadfully unkind - not just on that occasion, but on several other areas of the mottled pitch.

No match in which there are seven bookings before half-time (mercifully, there was none after that) can be a celebration of football. Some of the challenges were ugly, some were simply poorly timed. Norwich lost Polston, one of their central defenders. after 19 minutes - he required six stitches in a head injury - and Prior, his replacement, failed to clear Wright's long clearance which led to Marshall's opening goal, after 23 minutes.

Marshall took the chance well, finding the far corner with his left foot from 15 yards. Thereafter, Norwich had their opportunities, notably when Fleck volleyed wide from Akinbiyi's header across goal at the end of the first half. Theirs was not a fruitful partnership. Even then, a substitution looked imminent.

London, it changes your life."

Not as much as winning the

Olympics, but Evans spoke in

the realistic knowledge that he

is never going to be an Olympic champion. In Atlan-

ta, the heat and humidity are

opponents that he will not

have against him in London.

"I will try to go with the pace

as long as it is not too crazy,"

Evans said. "If am sitting

beside the road at 23 miles, so

be it." Or, as Martin put it:

"You have got to go in with one objective." Winning. Playing a

cat-and-mouse game of Olym-

pic selection is not for him. "I

will not even think about that,"

Martin said.

on the left of Ipswich's penalty area, he drove in the equaliser. A draw looked in the offing. On a different day and, in particular, on a different pitch, that would have been the IPSWICH TOWN (4-1-3-2): R Wingto — G Unlenbreis, J. Wark (sub: A Vaughan, 83mml, S. Sedgley — G Williams — M. Stockwell (sub: R. Appleby, 73), P. Mason, S. Milton — J. Scowordt, I. Marshall

Early in the second half, Cureton

came on for Akinbiyi, his hair almost as green in hue as his shorts. He had

been a part of the match for just two

minutes when, given a yard of room

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Mighty Towers show no sign of easing up

. By Nicholas Harling

LONDON Towers were at their flamboyant best as they humbled Thames Valley Tigers 118-87 on Saturday and, in the process, dispelled the fanciful notion that a basketball team with three trophies already in its grasp might be in the mood for easing up. If there is any slight falliblity in Kevin Cadle's squad, it most certainly is not complacency. From beginning to end,

that was the best performance for consistency we've given all season," the coach said after his players had taken the first leg of the Budweiser League quarter-final play-off at Bracknell. The Towers collected the first 19 points of the game, preventing the sickly Tigers from scoring until Cory Cole's three-pointer arrived, after six minutes 29 seconds.

With his team stretching their lead to 30 points against opponents whom they had already beaten six times this season, Cadle had no need to call a time-out. Curiously, he chose to do so just two seconds before the interval. "I wanted to try one or two things out." was his bizarre explanation. You never know when we might need them. I was not

trying to rub it in." Rub it in, though, London most certainly did. With Steve Bucknall at his dexterous best,

providing assists galore and accumulating 16 points - the same as Andy Gardiner -London swept away. They were helped mainly by 25 points from Tony Windless and 18 from Danny Lewis, his fellow American. The only surprise was that

the Tigers had, in Alex Beason, the scorer of 28 points, the game's leading marksman. He was not alone in failing to cope with the speed of London's offences, even if Martin Helan did, as usual, lag behind. "He runs when he has to," Cadle said of his outstanding rebounder.

All other first legs went true to form, but the crown is slipping away from Worthing Bears, the holders for the past three years. Despite 30 points from Colin Irish, their playercoach, and a third-quarter streak of 22-7 that turned a sixpoint deficit into a nine-point lead, the Bears went down 78-75 at home to Sheffield

Manchester Giants, beaten in all three league games by the Leopards, lost again 76-72 in overtime and Birmingham Bullets recovered from a slow start to beat Derby Storm 92-78. Nigel Lloyd, with 31 points, for once out-scored his prolific American team-mate, Tony Dorsey (29).

Marathon Britons hit right note David Powell describes the top runners' "London is more important to me than the Olympics," Evans said. "If you win

reat Britain's three leading candidates for honours in the Flora London Marathon on Sunday took varying degrees of satisfaction from their performances in the Bupa Portsmouth road races on Saturday. Paul Evans was "delighted", Eamonn Martin "happy" and Liz McColgan just "a bit disappointed".

finished.'

Evans tried out what he described as his "new lungs" and found them to his liking. Recently returned from altitude training in South Africa. Evans showed impressive speed for an athlete whose sessions have been geared to a marathon.

There is a world of difference between the five kilometres over which Evans competed in Portsmouth and a marathon, but he had told beforehand of how important it was for his frame of mind to beat Martin and Gary Staines in their final warm-up race for London. Evans, on his 35th birthday, ran a personal best road time, 13min 48sec, to finish second behind Philip Mosima, from Kenya, twice the world junior cross country champion. Paulo Guerra, the European cross country champion, from Portugal, who was

third, was a notable scalo. Staines was fifth and Martin eighth. The performances of Evans and Martin in their most recent marathons justify speculation that Britain may

fine-tuning in readiness for Sunday's race

provide the men's winner on Sunday, though the more likely outcome is a victory for either of the Mexicans. Dionicio Cerón or German Silva, or Vincent Rousseau, from Belgium. Evans was runner-up in the New York City Marathon last November and Martin, the 1993 London champion, won the Chicago Marathon last October.

"I felt that, if I ran under 14 minutes, that would be fantastic," Martin said. He was not far off, with 14min 05sec. There had been no mental damage done losing to Evans here. "It was just good to get in a short race, turn the legs over fast and blow the lungs out. Martin said.

Martin, eighth and thirteenth in the past two London Marathons, said that his preparation had "gone better than the past two years". He has suffered neither injury nor illness since missing three days with a cold 14 weeks ago. Should he succeed, he would become, at 37, London's oldest winner, but no older than Carlos Lopes was when winning at the 1984 Olympics.

The Olympics are of only secondary interest to Evans and Martin. The first Briton may be picked for Atlanta, but neither is prepared for a safety-first strategy. They said on Saturday that they would go with the leaders, even if it is close to world record speed, which it probably will be. The talk at Portsmouth was

that Peter Whitehead, selected already for Atlanta, may have to withdraw because of injury. releasing a second Olympic place for the Britons to fight over in London. However, after three months out, Whitehead returned quietly to racing ten days ago, recording 30min 44sec in the Salford tenkilometres and intends to prove his fitness in the Indianapolis half-marathon

McColgan: in shape to win

After winning her first two marathons, McColgan has next month. lost her past three, including two in London. She did not dwell for long on the adverse side of her run in Portsmouth, where she was third in 15min 18sec behind Annemari Sanfrom Finland, and Catherina McKiernan, from Ireland. "I am never happy unless I am winning ... I really thought I would run a lot faster ... I kind of let myself down," McColgan

said. Then it was back to her old self - "I am very healthy ... I feel the same as I did before New York [1st, 2hr 27min 32sec, 1991] . . . if I need a personal best to win, I'm in shape to do it."

Law runs into form before Badminton

By JENNY MACARTHUR

LESLIE LAW, riding Nicola Coe's New Flavour, had the satisfaction of relegating Mary King and King William, the European bronze medalwinners, to second place in section P - one of five advanced classes — at the Belton Pedigree Chum Horse Trials in Lincolnshire yesterday.

Law, who was also third on his Olympic long-listed horse, Capitano, in section Q, took over the ride on New Flavour from Coe at the end of last year. Yesterday, their last outing before Badminton, he underlined the gelding's ability with a fast and faultless round over the technicallydemanding cross-country

course. King, who had a dressage score of 22, would have won had she not incurred 15 penalties in the showjumping. "Perhaps it's a good omen," she said. "Last year, he was clear here, but had three fences down at Badminton." With Star Appeal, her other Olympic long-listed horse, third in section N, King will start Badminton next month as one of the favourites.

Owen Moore won section Q on Incidental and finished third in section P on Swallow XIII. Daisy Dick, the daughter of the 1956 Grand Nationalwinning inckey. Dave, Dicker and may update

Headley Bravo. The strong New Zealand contingent confirmed their Badminton form with Blyth Tait, the former world champion, winning section M on Chesterfield and Mark Todd, a dual Olympic champion, finishing runner-up in section N on Kayen and fourth on his

Badminton entry, Bertie

won section L after her "best

ride ever" on the 13-year-old

It was a mixed day for several of Great Britain's Olympic long-listed riders. Ian Stark was forced to withdraw Mr Mackinnon, who has a virus, but had some consolation when watching his 15-year-old daughter, Stephanie, win the junior intermediate trial on Go Bust on Saturday. Kristina Gifford, on Mid-

night Blue, and Charlotte Bathe, on The Cool Customer, members of the gold medalwinning team at the European championships last year, had 15 and 20 faults respectively in the showjumping — the phase that appears to be Britain's Achilles' heel. Gifford withdrew her other long-listed horse, General Jock, who has a haematoma under his girth after his fall last week

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Horgan's final score rescues Neath

BY GERALD DAVIES

coPAT HORGAN'S missed attempts at goal earlier lacked Brall conviction. The power was simply not there. In the 78th minute, from his opponents' k ten-metre line, he was handed Why far his longest test of the Nafternoon. Gareth Llewellyn could not call for a short penalty to be taken, as he had done with others. Time was urunning out. Only two minutes earlier, Gareth Rees had given Newport a 22-21 lead which everyone presumed, with good reason, would be the final score. Horgan had to have a go. Nobody had any great faith. I doubt whether Horgan himself had. There was terrific pressure.

It turned out to be his best most valuable. It gave Neath a place in the Swalec Cup final rgainst Pontypridd on May 4. It would have been a sorry moment if they had not

Good games, when both teams exemplify a sport's best qualities, are almost always good contests. Good contests, on the other hand, where honest graft and strength of resolve are the main characteristics, are not necessarily good games. A weaker team making maximum use of limacute tactical sense of its shortcomings can make life difficult for another, manifestly more talented side. This semi-final at Cardiff Arms Park was such a match.

It turned out to be a fascinating and, for both sets of supporters, nerve-racking encounter. The quality, how ever, did not match the high level of excitement.

Neath were the favoured team and, after accumulating more than 60 points in the league match between the sides a few weeks ago, it was anticipated that they would once more. Neath are a fine side. Newport knew it. They also knew that they could not hope to play them at their own swift and varying pace. The game's excitement arose because Neath were clearly the better team but were losing proved dynamic.

Newport had to discompose Neath. Disruption was the key; get in among them and spoil was, no doubt, the primary command. The referee was of the view that such practice was not always on the right side of the law. So much



Gareth Llewellyn, of Neath, displays his pulling power in trying to bring Snow, of Newport, to the ground in the Swalec Cup semi-final

so that the penalty count was 20-6 in Neath's favour. Snow and Moseley were both given warnings in the first quarter. Newport felt hard done by. Of the penalty count, Gareth Rees, without wishing to be drawn into too forthright a comment, simply said: "It was

a bit lopsided.

He was Newport's inspiration. From the moment his team went into a seven-point lead after a try 14 seconds into room he needed to play with. Paul Williams's intended surprise kick-off to the left, away from the forwards to his right, was gathered by Richard Rees. He shrugged aside Geraint Evans's attempted tackle to race a full 60 metres for the try which Gareth Rees

converted. This was a surprise

was Neath who were going to have to chase Newport something few would have predicted. There is nobody better-equipped, with such confidence, audacity and the pinpoint accuracy of his kicking, to play the cat and mouse game. Hard as Neath tried to capture the rhythm generated over a whole season, the out of them. Gareth Rees continued to bedevil their efforts. A cumulative frustration set in, graphically embodied in the two periods — one in each half — when Neath, over prolonged spells of half a dozen scrums or so, went for the pushover try, only for Newport, at each stage, to heel away out of difficulty.

Gareth Rees now knew that Territorially, Neath had the better of the match, but, whereas they wasted opportunities. Newport invariably returned well rewarded each time that they entered their Full results and league tablesPage 34

opponents' half. They always managed to keep in front.

After the try, Horgan closed the gap with a penalty goal. only for Gareth Rees, under pressure, to drop the sweetest of goals. Horgan missed the conversion of Morris's try. which should have drawn his

team level, but Gareth Rees, for his part, succeeded with a penalty. The stand-off half ensured that Neath had to continue to do the chasing. Horgan's further two penalty goals to Gareth Rees's one closed the gap, but, just before half-time, Horgan failed with one more and Rees found the target, to put his side five

A sense of defeat could easily have set in for Neath. To cave in. Their supporters should feel pleased at the growing maturity of their team, but they had to suffer more frustration before vic-

tory was secured. At last, Leigh Davies got his hand on the ball and, as in his performances in a Wales jer-

sey, he did not disappoint. He raced and swerved through a midfield defence with barely a hand laid upon him for a superb try that Horgan converted. Neath held on to the two-point lead for a quarter of an hour. Then, with barely four minutes to go, Gareth Rees dealt what must have seemed a terminal blow with another penalty goal, only for Horgan to have his moment of

Jenkins clarifies Pontypridd's double vision

Pontypridd......35 ∐anelli ..

> By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FOR 40 minutes at the Brewery Field, Bridgend, on Saturday, one wondered why English clubs were hastening into bed with the Welsh. Both the Rugby Football Union and their rebellious clubs seek an Anglo-Welsh tournament next eason, yet here, in a Swalec pridd and Llanelli playing error-strewn, limited rugby.

Fortunately, there is steel and resilience in Pontypridd's soul. Though they have enjoyed scarcely a jot of Bath's success, there should be a fellow feeling between the clubs which, in the case of Pontypridd, is based on being outside the privileged few of Welsh rugby. Literally so, as the syelle meniof Cardiff.

Yet it is they, not Cardiff, nor Llanelli, nor sinking Swanses, who will be in the Cup final, still seeking the trophy that will prove to the world that "Ponty" are a club to reckon with. "Others think we need to win a cup to prove we have arrived, but we don't," Dennis John, their coach, said. "We are capable of playing any club side in the

The Cup and Heineken League stand within their grasp, as they did last year, when Pontypridd came second each time. We had a taste of the final last year and the players want to go back and win this time," John sald. "Not only because it's Nigel Bezani's last year, but also for themselves and for the club."

At one stage, the dream of Bezani, veteran prop and captain, seemed to be drifting away on the raw breeze that blew down the ground. Lla-nelli stood 17-9 to the good through an untidy try by Rupert Moon and the stage was set for them, through the lineout dominance of the 6ft 10in Paul Jones, to reach

However, they have been inconsistent all season and, instead, Pontypridd tightened their game, blew out the cobwebs caused by illness, which had affected their preparations, and scored 26 unanswered points. Both locks, as well as several other players.

their stand-off half, was recovering from flu 24 hours before the kick-off. With the breeze behind him, however, he ruled Pontypridd's pragmatic

game is of the sort that will

make any opponent in a

putative Anglo-Welsh league

worry about visiting their ground, but it is more than just a combative pack and a kicking stand-off, Indeed, Jenfor a gap, his strength in the tackle and the accuracy of his long passing, while David Manley is among the best finishers in the Welsh game Although Pontypridd were awarded six successive penalties, which helped to stem the early Lianelli surge, Stephen Gary, also played stand-off for Llanelli and briefly for Wales before joining rugby league-Llanelli's advantage. Indeed, Jenkins, given the chance of rather than at the posts; but it was not until Moon's try that

element of doubt as to whether Manley reached Geraint Lewis's chip first, but there was none about Jenkins's break after Rowley had poached Llanelli ball. A long pass sent Manley scudding over and then, when Jenkins spun out of a tackle, Paul John was at 1

Pontypridd produced the form

with which they are now

his elbow for the try. With Lianelli so tactically deficient — they never once achieved the fluidity that would have allowed the creative Gwyn Jones to come into his own — that would have been enough, but there was icing to come on Pontypridd's cake. Yet another Llanelli attack broke down ten metres short and Jason Lewis hared away, exchanged passes with Gavin Jones and Geraint Lewis finished off gleefully.

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Potter provides smooth finish

Bristol By BRYAN STILES

THE demolition men have moved in on Bristol. Their venerable West Stand bites the dust courtesy of one gang today, two days after another, in the form of the Leicester team, set about demolishing their Courage Clubs Championship first division survival

This defeat for Bristol condenined them to continue battling it out with Saracens and Gloucester to avoid the drop to the second division, along with the already-doomed West Hartlepool.

The situation is just as fraught at the top as Leicester. the champions, struggle to overtake Bath. If these two teams are level on points at the end of the season, as seems likely, points difference will resolve the issue and Leicester will rue the way that they allowed Bristol to force their way back into the game and score points against them that could prove critical.

Leicester, who looked streets ahead of their West Country opponents in terms of class. seemed poised to make substantial inroads into Bath's superior points difference when they led 30-9 after only six minutes of the second half.

Bristol's resistance appeared to have been broken, but they knew that points difference might be all-important to their cause, too, and they produced a frenzied spell of attacking rugby that produced 17 points and reduced Leicester's advantage to 30-26 before they re-established

control. It was a hectic period in which Leicester seemed to be giving away penalties for offside at almost every play. This worried them so much that Ian Smith, their coach, sought an audience with the referee after the match to establish whv_ his team had been

penalised so often when they seemed to have adhered to the They were, however, justifi-

ably happy with the return of Stuart Potter after a long-term injury. He added an extra dimension to their play, laying on the first of two tries for Rory Underwood and scoring the final try with graceful aplomb. Jez Harris, the Leicester stand-off half, who is not noted

for his running game, was allowed to make two decisive breaks that shredded the Bristol defence. Although Bristol were highly committed in attack, they were guilty of neglecting the defensive chores at critical moments and paid a high price for it. The first quarter of the

match was a tedious stop-start affair with the kickers handing out punishment. By the seventeenth minute, Mark Tainton had kicked three penalty goals for Bristol and Leicester had replied with two from John Liley and a dropped goal from Harris.

The Memorial Ground was lit up by Underwood's first try from a sweeping move that started on the Leicester 22 and ended with Potter providing

the scoring pass. Leicester started the second half explosively with Liley and Underwood adding to the try tally to make the score 30-9, Bristol threw everything into attack, with Rollit and Bracken scoring tries and Tainton converting both and adding a penalty goal to bring Bristol to within four points. Potter's try and two more penalty goals by Liley, who scored 25 points,

settled the issue. SCORERS: Bristot Tries: Rollat, Brøcken, Comversions: Tanton (2) Penetty goels: Tanton (5) Libicester. Tries: Underwood (3), Liey, Potter Conventions: Liey (4), Dropped goel: Hams Penetty goels: Liey

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Dawe steps up to keep Bath on course for title

AFTER a week in which English rugby lost the plot, it was fitting, on Saturday, that a relegation-threatened side should come so close to beating the likely champions.

BY ALISON KERVIN

Bath arrived at Saracens' Southgate ground nursing their wounds after a midweek defeat at the hands of Gloucester, while Saracens were struggling with the realisation that their fate now rests on the outcome of talks between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and the clubs.

If the RFU has its way, two teams will be relegated from the top flight, and Saracens are holding the penultimate spot in the Courage Clubs Championship first division. How-

ever, if the RFU does have its way, the clubs' threat to boycott all RFU competitions next season will come into effect, so Saracens' future is inexorably intertwined with the debate that is tearing apart the sport at the top level.

It was in this context that they played Bath on Saturday in a match that divided into three clear phases of domination. As the curtains went back, it was Bath who excelled, with some fierce, attacking rugby that gave them a handsome 13-0 lead after 20 minutes. Saracens, though, who have Philippe Sella and Michael Lynagh signed up to take centre stage next season, are as eager to pullthemselves away from the relegation zone as Bath are to mount up the points and secure the championship. So, in front of a crowd of 6,000 who had come to see Saracens last first-

team game at Southgate before they move to share Southbury Road with Enfield Football Club, they pulled themselves back. Tony Diprose and Eddie Halvey both went over, and Saracens found themselves with a 15-13 lead 15 minutes before time.

Then the final scene began, and the unlikely figure of Graham Dawe galloped towards the Saracens line to save the day for Bath. He took a pass from Mike Catt, the Bath stand-off half, after he had chipped the ball cleverly over the Saracens defence and caught it himself. "I thought it was Jon Sleightholme outside me,"

Catt said. Catt was Bath's saviour on Saturday. He had a fine match at stand-off after much debate about his

best position for club and country. Saracens can be proud of the fight they put up. Their back row of Diprose, Richard Hill and Halvey performed excellently. Diprose was immense, both at the back of the lineout and in the loose.

Their weak link was at stand-off, where Gareth Hughes, deputising for the injured Andy Lee, struggled. all afternoon. He will not want to be reminded, but he missed two dropped goals, one conversion and four penalties, many of them from eminently kickable positions.

Bath took their early lead thanks to two penalty goals by Jon Callard and a converted try by Adedayo Adebayo.

Haivey and Diprose, and a penalty goal and conversion from Hughes. before Bath regained the lead with Dawe's try. Callard added his third penalty goal to stretch Bath's advantage to six points.

Saracens' remaining matches are against Gloucester and Bristol, the other sides staring a possible drop to the second division in the face.

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Harlequins court Benazzi

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BY PETER BILLS

HARLEQUINS are attempting to sign the player widely regarded as Europe's leading forward in their attempt to put themselves at the summit of the English club game.

A three-man delegation, which included Will Carling, flew to Bordeaux last week to hold talks with Agen and Abdel Benazzi, the France international. A lucrative financial package, believed to be worth more than £300,000 for a three-year deal, was put to the player.

Benazzi is reluctant to leave his Agen base but the force of Harlequins' argument and their desire to land such an outstanding player was un-derlined by the presence of Carling on the trip.
With Gareth Llewellyn, the Wales international lock, hav-

ing already signed, Harlequins, who are backed by a £1.5 million sponsorship deal

with a Japanese company, are poised to make some spectacular signings.

Dick Best, the director of rugby, said: "We are talking to a lot of players, but the problem at the moment is the

confusion existing in English rugby over the RFU-English clubs conflict. Until that is resolved, you can't blame players for being reluctant to make a decision."

Thus, events off the field at the Stoop on Saturday for English rugby's first Ladies Day overshadowed what took place on it. Predictably. Gloucester were unable to raise themselves three days after their heroic victory over Bath, and Harlequins, after a poor first half, were able to stroll to victory.

Only one more match matters to Gloucester this season - the final league game, at



Benazzi: in demand

home against Saracens - and they will field a virtual second on Wednesday week against Leicester. Richard Hill, the coach, said: "I want our top players fresh and

champing at the bit for the

Saracens match. If we win that, we are safe." Keith Richardson, the Harlequins coach, was unhappy. "I'm very disappointed," he said. "A big score was there for us against a team which was out of it after the Bath match. We need to be a lot more clinical than that."

Harlequins were a miserly 8-3 ahead at half-time before shooting ahead to 33-9 by the seventieth minute. Greenwood made three of the four second-half tries and scored the other, showing some deft touches, and Lloyd, on his league debut, harvested valuable lineout ball. The job. on the field, is done: a European place is assured.

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Coventry...... 24 Coventry are equipped to cope with life in the second BY NICOLAS ANDREWS

WITH the nation's leading clubs and the Rugby Football Union (RFU) lighting over the future of the game in England. spare a thought for those at the top of the Courage Clubs Championship third division. Coventry, Richmond, Rugby and Rotherham should all be celebrating promotion to an expanded second division, but, if the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (EPRUC) decides to go its own way, these are the teams that will be

left behind. Coventry have written to the clubs in the top two divisions urging them to find a compromise. They have not been asked, and have no intention of joining a breaksway organisation, but, from a position of relative neutrality, they see themselves as potential arbiters between warring factions.

The clubs have got a case, but they are not putting it very well," Gerry Sugrue, the Coventry chairman, said. You can see these egos driving it on and I resent people speaking in our name without any consultation. I don't like the rhetoric from either camp, but

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the RFU has got to give some ground."

Promotion party on hold

division. They were deserved winners at Webb Ellis Road on Saturday despite the best efforts of a gallant but weakened Rugby side. The absence of the experienced Bowman proved critical in the lineouts and Underhill has left for a summer in New Zealand sooner than the club would have wished.

The game's defining moment came just before halftime, near the Rugby line. when Burdett, the Rugby hooker, contrived to throw in straight to Horrobin, the Coventry flanker. He plunged unopposed for the line for his ninth league try of the season and so Coventry turned round ll points ahead.

Rugby had recovered after conceding two early penalties. Eddie Saunders, the popular right wing who has a testimonial next Sunday, chipped and chased to win Rugby a lineout in the corner. Smith leapt high and, from the resulting maul, Ashmead went over.

Reayer had an impressive game in the centre for Coventry and his run from halfway set up the position from which Barden reclaimed the lead for Coventry on 24 minutes.

Derek Eves, the Coventry player-coach, was pleased at the way his side drove forward and profited from second- and third-phase ball, and this was the difference between the.

teams. The top two teams will get £22,000 more in prize-money than the two that finish behind them, so there was more than: pride at stake. Tempers frayed in the second half as Patten and Ellis were cautioned before Jenkins was dismissed, perhaps harshly, for using his

It would be a pity if these clubs lose the chance to recover their reputations at a higher level. Ironically, there may be something in it for these players if the top two divisions divorced themselves from the union that runs the national team. As Eves wryly observed: "If they do break away, maybe I'll win an England cap after

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TIME S MICKELL STORY

Lloyd banks on restoring England's popular appeal

get-together today in Kensington, which honours England's cricketer of the year, sounds pretty grim. The team's performance this winter was so tame, and its manner so unappealing, that the organisers will be doing well to get a smile out of them. Some players, it is clear by now, will not be coming this way again, so hail and farewell?

The mood surrounding the game at the start of the season is worryingly au-tumnal. Given the absurd "noises off", when the ap-

pointment of the chairman of selectors and the selection panel itself has been is more, he does not exaggerreduced to low comedy, it might have been more appropriate to have hired the Whitehall Theatre for the function this morning, and invited Ray Cooney to present the gong. preferably after entering

through a bedroom window. Into this mess strides a new man, a bold man and, from all available evidence, a good man. David Lloyd formally relinquished his duties at Lancashire last week, and starts his new job as England

well, he may keep it for as long as he proves himself capable. It is worth adding that rider: at the moment, nobody can pronounce confidently on his prospects, or

Lloyd has already made a rallying call to the troops and talked of putting a smile back on the face of English cricket. These are cliches, of course. and there will be a few more until he has the measure of

the job, but it would be wrong to 'If you're assume that Lloyd deals solely in platitudes and banalities. He has a show it' first-rate mind, and sticks close to

Hamlet's advice: "More matter, less art". What ate his own importance. Whereas Micky Stewart and Keith Fletcher were man-

agers, and Raymond Illingworth became that bizarre creature, the "supremo", Lloyd is happy to be a coach, first and last. He is not an empire builder and not much of a politician. What interests him is cricket and cricketers. and he cannot wait to get cracking in a job that his career has prepared him for about as thoroughly as any



Michael Henderson talks to the

coach charged with the task of rejuvenating the national side

job and share the load.

"In the past year, he has

had to open the batting, captain the side in two diffi-

cult Test series, run the nets,

deal with the press, do every-

thing on his own, and he has only just turned 28," Lloyd said. "He is an outstanding

Test opener and he is improv-

ing as a captain. I've told him

"Obviously, the team ran out of petrol in the winter after

staying with South Africa for

almost five Tests, but people

shouldn't forget that they showed excellent fighting

qualities in coming from be-

'I'm here to support you'.

At 49, after 30 years in the Lloyd is not coming into the job cold. His association with game as player, umpire, coach and media-man, he is Michael Atherton at Lancapopular and - the two do not shire must count for somealways go together - highly regarded. Keith Andrew, the thing, and the pair have discussed England matters in the month since his appointdirector of coaching at the National Cricket Association, ment. Lloyd will not be drawn on what passed between them, but it is fair to say that described him ten years ago as the finest coach of young Atherton now has an ally prepared to shield him from players I have seen anywhere" and Lloyd has since added to that reputation. some aspects of the captain's

Sensibly, he does not claim to have a wand, seeing himself more as an "enabler". A coach can do only so much, he believes. Players selected for Test cricket should not have to be nannied. "The players are responsible," he said. "I am accountable. Everybody has to be aware of that.

"First, I want them to be comfortable with me, to earn their respect. Then, I will work alongside them, individually, and listen to them." Yet he does not confuse tolerance with indulgence. There is a difference be-

ween underachieving and let-

hind twice against West Inting yourself down," he said. "Nobody will let me down dies last summer." What Lloyd wants from the team this summer is "enthusiasm, enjoyment, commitment and imagination, which is really game awareness. Most of all, I want us to be vibrant, because there are people who pay good money to watch

gland perform." Lloyd admits that he is an emotional man ("I have a temper that surfaces about three times a season") and he wants England to be emotional about their cricket, without overstepping the mark. "I have no problems

with players enjoying their suc-cess, but I am 'I want aware of cricket us to be etiquette," he said. "I don't like to see vibrant' other players but, basically, if you're happy,

Or, as he might have put it, if you are unhappy, do not show it. It is doubtful whether

the England players realise yet the depth of feeling that accompanied their miserable slog through the World Cup. The cricket-watching public felt let down by their general manner and there is a lot of ground to claw back, Lloyd acknowledges this. As the recent coach of the

under-19 team. England Lloyd knows that there is talent out there. It just seems somewhere before it reaches Test level. The greatest need, as ever, is for bowlers who can really bowl, and the younger generation of pacemen can expect swift promotion if they impress. Only Dominic Cork is certain to begin the Test series against India in June and, by August, the attack

may look very different. Richard Johnson, at Middlesex, has good pace. Glen Chapple, I know from Lanca-

shire, has pace and movement, just needs to pitch it up another yard. Alex Tudor, of Surrey, is a strapping lad, has good pace and a bit

more. Paul Hutchison, at Yorkshire, bowls left arm, has a super action and swings the ball the business way, back into the batsman."

Lloyd will be watching these players at Chelmsford next week, when England A play The Rest. Then, he is off on a national tour, talking to players, captains and coaches for their impressions of Test candidates. "I want every-body with half an interest in cricket to rally round," he said. That will be easier when the team gives them a good



Lloyd comes to the England job well prepared

Cricket season stutters into life at the Parks amid debate about national team

First day covers bring stamp of summer

YOU can ride round Oxford in an open-top bus with a "live English-speaking guide". Ladies and gentlemen, here at the Parks, they are playing the first game of the cricket season. Oxford University against Leicestershire. And here, on the street corner, we see the morris dancers

Certainly I can elaborate. Mr Samura. This is a group of men clad in white, going through a rather tedious ritual, distantly related to fertility rites but whose meaning has long since been lost. No one cares, no one watches, but, for some reason, people like to think it still carries on. It is an tory quainmess that is part of the national Zeitgeist, and it is also quite a good excuse for a drink. Morris dancers, on the other hand, wear bells on their trousers.

I was asked to cover the first day of the cricket season. I put the phone down; instantly, the sky darkened, the rain fell and turned to sleet. By the morning of the match, the ground was covered in snow, but. Oates-like, I carried on, anticipating a collector's item. a scene of pure Englishness: snow stops play.

I arrived to a scene of still purer Englishness: a gorgeous spring day, the song of mistle thrush in the air, and a bunch of people hanging about in shell-suits because play was not actually possible. Pitch inspection at two. The jobsworths barked, the dogwalkers moved on.

Only the true believers stayed, to debate the topic of the moment whither English cricket? For English cricket is at a crossroads. The trouble is, it has been at the same crossroads for about 25 years, or ever since the one-day game became part of the liturgy.

It has remained there, stalled, unwilling to move on, skewered by its own indecision, unable to make a choice that involves left or right, and half suspecting that the only real answer in an illegal Uturn. The drivers and the passengers rage on inside, while the vehicle grows obsolete around them.

All admit that England's performances in international cricket are poor and that it



After a delayed start, Oxford University and Leicestershire perform an annual ritual, opening the cricket season watched by a curious few. Photograph: Gill Allen

matters, but no one can agree how much. The counties are subsidised by international cricket, but they wield huge power over the way the game is played. The tail wags the dog, say the progressivists: all this must be changed.

Change things, and you throw out the baby with the bath water, say the tradition-alists, fighting back metaphor for metaphor. This is the only fully professional cricket circuit in the world; we should be proud.

We must pull it down, two divisions, no University cricket, everything to serve the national side, get more like Australia, fight for pure excellence, pull out the branch-lines and let us run only the

InterCity expresses. Yet it is part of old England: teashops and jumble sales, duffle bags and Tizer, evensong and the fourteenth Sunday after Trinity. Never mind the state of English cricket: days like this are part of the state of England.

It is a battle of opposed sentimentalities. It is like the ancient debate over the city of Venice. Traditionalists always Yes, but nobody watches it. wanted Venice to be just as it is, or better, just as it was, with all trace of modern life excluded: not a living city but a living museum. The Futurists of the 1930s wanted to destroy the palazzi and use the rubble to fill in the canals. Thus they opposed sentimentality about the past with a still more luxuriant sentimentality about

the future.

The great cricket debate has reached this level: an affair of polarised sentimentalities. Tourists find it charming. Visiting cricket-lovers find it moving, and view with rever-ence the gilded panels of teams long past, until they get chucked out - "Only players and officials in tere"

They sigh and leave and

say, oh well, it doesn't really matter - and it doesn't, of course, unless you want England to win Test matches and to get somewhere near the

pace of the modern game. By two o'clock, I had spent too much money in Blackwell's and was back at the Parks watching a pitch inspection. I learnt that Leicestershire had won the toss and elected to bat. By three, the players were coming out with a clatter of spikes on the pavilion steps. A few minutes later, Pierre du Preez was running in to bowl.

was delivered left arm round

the wicket by a rugby Blue from Cape Town. It passed a generous distance outside the off stump and was politely ignored by Gregor Macmil-lan, the Oxford captain last year and now a county player. A triumph for the "system". then, as Macmillan scored the first run of the season with a

steer to third man. He was also the first wicket of the season, bowled for eight when du Preez was discourteous enough to bowl a straight one. So, Mr Samura, are you

clearer about what is going on? You know all about the importance of culture and ritual in a society, surely?

leave India reeling SOUTH AFRICA, having

Cronje and

Kirsten

crushed Pakistan by 143 runs in their first Sharjah Cup match, brushed aside India by 80 runs in their second game yesterday, despite making a poor start to the one hundredth one-day match played at the desert venue. They were 56 for three in the

tenth over, only for Hansie Cronje to join Gary Kirsten. the opening batsman, in a partnership of 154 from 155 balls. Kirsten stayed until the 43rd over for his 106: Cronje hit three sixes in his innings of 90 from 82 balls as South Africa reached 288 for six.

india then lost Sachin over, from a mistimed pull off the bowling of Fanie de Villiers. Mohammad Azharuddin

and Sanjay Manjrekar provided some stability by adding 82 for the fifth wicket before both fell in successive overs. while trying to charge Pat Symcox, the off spinner.

On Saturday, with Daryll Cullinan leading the way with 110, South Africa piled up 314 for three against Pakistan and then restricted them to 171 for

Sri Lanka, the World Cup winners, beat West Indies by 35 runs in a one-day international in Trinidad on Saturday. Aggressive displays from Asanka Gurusinha (59) and Sanath Javasuriva (46) enabled Sri Lanka to reach 251 and they then bowled and fielded superbly to limit West Indies to 216 for nine.

Brian Lara, with a typically fluent 71, and Phil Simmons (45), his Trinidad and Tobago compatriot, threatened to carry West Indies to victory during a third-wicket stand of 116 from 123 balls, but, once they were dismissed in consecutive overs, Sri Lanka took

caught forever between sumo

wrestling and the parish fête.

Leicestershire were 139 for

LEICESTERSHIRE: Prol immigs

C C Berry, G J Parsons, A R K Pierson, D J Milins and A D Mutally to ber. FALL: 1-14, 2-115, 3-121, 4-123

BOWLING: du Preez 11-0-35-0, Thomsor 13-6-23-1; Wagh 2-0-7-0; Mather 9-1-36-0 Malik 11-3-31-1; Khan 1-0-6-0

four at close of play.

l Macmillan b du Preez

complete control. In Grenada, Cameron Cuffy and Nixon McLean, the fast bowlers, shared seven wickets as the New Zealanders were forced to follow on against West Indies President's XI.

The touring side were dismissed for 113 in reply to 454, but made a better fist of their second innings, reaching 105

party on hold



Claymores leave The Fridge out in the cold

guy to blend his gargantuan 350lb frame into the background, but William Perry managed it On his longawaited World League American football debut for the London Monarchs yesterday. the man who was once the most famous player in the United States took the field just twice in the first half. If he really is still The Fridge, he

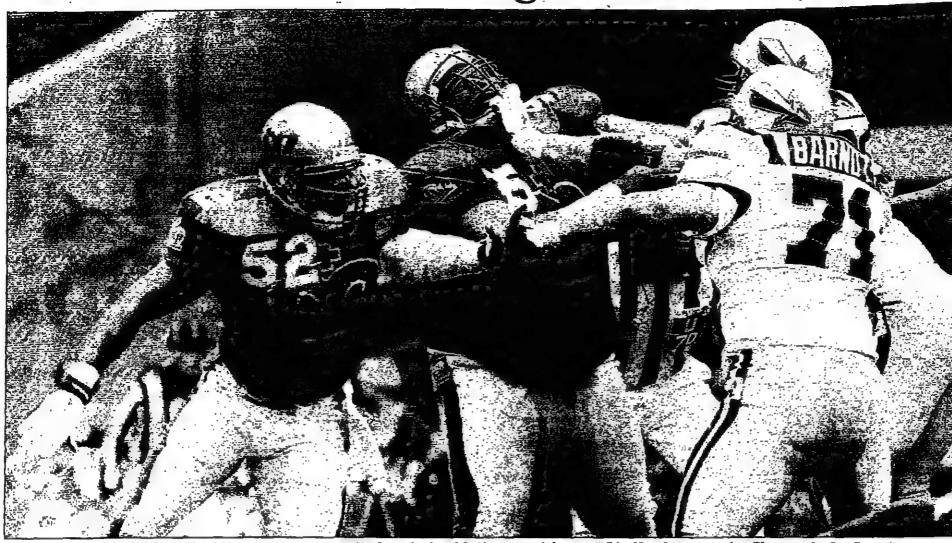
in the second half of the Monarchs' 24-21 defeat at the hands of Gavin Hastings's Hart Lane, and his number of plays leapt well into double figures, but if it is possible for peripheral, he achieved it. When the loudspeaker system blasted everyone out of their seats with the Rolling Stones singing Start Me Up, it could have been a personal plea from the Big Man.

At times, it seemed that Perry, a nose tackle who was a celebrated member of the feared Chicago Bears defence of the late Eighties, was having trouble dragging his bulk on to the pitch. When he broke into a slow trot, it looked awkward and lumbering, as if he was in pain, and on each of the two second-half occasions that he made a tackle, he retired to the touchline immediately to recover from his

exertions.

Perhaps it was just that the expectations that had been heaped upon him were too high, or maybe the fact that the Claymores double-teamed him. The game, the Monarchs' first at the beginning of the fourth season of the World League, had been sold almost exclusively on his bloodthirsty reputation for sacking quarterbacks and what he fondly called "smash-mouth football". "Any refrigerator can store mincement," the adver-tising slogans read. "This one

makes it. By the time he took the field to the strains of Ice, Ice Baby. by Vanilia Ice, and performed a little jig on the half-way line, Perry had already done most of his work. More than 16,000 people made the journey to north London, an improvement on the Monarchs' average attendance of around IU.UUU during a mediocre season last year. Whether they can retain their new followers



William Perry, aka The Fridge, gets a warm reception from the Scottish Claymores defence at White Hart Lane yesterday. Photographs: Ian Stewart

With Hastings kicking extra points - the conversions for touchdowns - and the England versus Scotland element given extra spice by its coincidence with the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Culloden. this match was bound to be the easiest for the marketing men to sell. Matches against teams like the Amsterdam Admirals and Rhein Fire may be less attractive to potential

If Perry's recruitment to the Monarchs' cause has been greeted with some well-founded cynicism, Hastings's commitment has been largely unquestioned due to his tenyear, 61-cap career in Scottish rugby union. His PR company are marketing consultants for the Claymores, but his role vesterday was unimpeachable, if brief.

The Dall touched his boot just six times, a small fraction of the number that it would in rugby, but each conversion.

including one to take the game into overtime with three seconds remaining, was unerring in its accuracy. His three kickoffs. if a little shallow, were perfectly acceptable. Anything more demanding, like the overtime field goal that won the game for the Claymores. was left to another kicker. Paul McCallum

The rest of the players, who

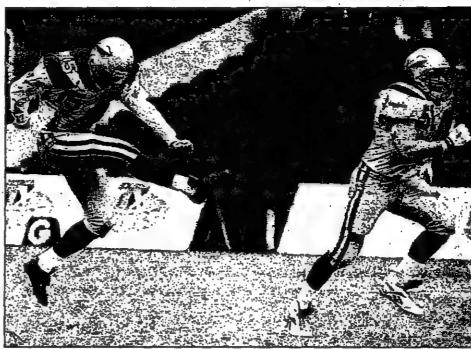
laboured under typical Anglo-Scottish names like Yo Murphy. Horrace Morris and Darren Studstill, put on an entertaining show that does bode well for the future of the league. It may not have been of the highest quality, rich in fumbles and interceptions, but there was some fine quarterback passing, too, and once the players, rejects from or aspirants to the National Football League (NFL), get to know each other better, the grent are likely to disappear.

"When I took the kick to try to tie the game right at the end

of normal time, it was the most nervous I have ever been, and took in rugby," Hastings said. "If I missed that kick, we lost the game. It was as simple as that. It is not difficult to play a limited part, but your concentration levels have to be kept high at all times. It was fantastic out there and they are a great bunch of guys.

"I enjoyed every minute of it, though, I think it was good

value for money. There's a long way to go until the World Bowi in the summer, but if we keep playing like that we must have a chance. That is one game down and ten to go." Frankfurt Galaxy made a successful start to the defence of their World League title on Saturday with a 27-21 win over Rhein Fire. The crowd of 32,000 at Düsseldorf saw Sieve Peuller, Galaxy's Ionne Dalias Cowboys quarterback, complete 24 of 35 passes, including two for touchdowns.



Hastings, later successful with six conversions for the Claymores, gets the ball rolling

Pakistan end Britain's proud run

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN ATLANTA

GREAT Britain lost a proud record with a 2-0 defeat by Pakistan in the six-nations men's hockey tournament here on Saturday. In the runup to this troubled event. Britain had been unbeaten in 18 international matches.

The problems that had dogged the tournament since it began on Thursday continued unabated when heavy rain in the morning destroyed every hope of staging the match on the newly-laid artificial turf pitch at the Clarke University

Against their wishes, the teams were forced to play on the practice pitch and consequently approached their task

The match began badly for Britain with Pakistan going ahead in the second minute. A through pass from Tahir Zaman, the inside right, was picked up by Asif Bajwa, the outside right, whose angled shot took Mason by surprise.

From midway in the first half, Britain began to push forward, but, as nothing tangible had been achieved. Pearn was sent on as a replacement for Robert Thompson at centre

With Britain improving their workrate Pakistan's defence was kept busy and, shortly before half-time, the Pakistanis were penalised for obstruction, conceding the first short corner of the match. Giles came on from the bench but was deprived of a shot by Usman, the right half, who was quick off the line.

Rain soaked the pitch during the interval, worsening the playing conditions, and Britain made more substitutions, with Shaw being thrust into the attack and Soma Singh sent on at left half.

The greater threat, however, always came from Pakistan, who missed a couple of easy Britain persevered and

forced three short corners; on the first two occasions, the hit from the line was not stopped and when Giles was eventually permitted a shot it was well saved by Manzoor Ahmed. Two minutes before the end Britain's fate was sealed by the young Pakistani substitutes. Mohammed Sawar centred from the right and Raza Alcem, on the left wing,

Dhanraj Pillay scored all three goals for India in the 3-0 defeat of Argentina.

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Women fail to impress

GREAT Britain's women got the chance to show their hockey skills to the nation on Saturday with a televised match against Holland at Milton Keynes (Alix Ramsay writes). The BBC has promachievements in Atlanta if the team reaches the latter stages of the Olympic tournament, but, judging by this lacklustre 1-0 defeat, the schedules

should not be troubled. it was the second defeat by the Dutch in three days and, while 1-0 sounds more respectable than the 5-2 thrashing on Thursday, it was hardly a confidence booster. Britain managed only one serious shot on goal, a flick minutes from Karen Brown.

Despite enjoying the greater share of possession, the Britain women did not seem to know what to do with it, especially in front of the Dutch goal. The few crosses into the circle found nobody on the end of them and Jenny Cardwell, the team manager, bemoaned the lack of commitment displayed by the Britain duckers and divers in there,"

she said. Not that the Dutch were swarming around the home goal, either. Jo Thompson, the goalkeeper, was more then a match for them, but not even she could fend off a move involving Ellen Kuipers and Suzan van der Wielen that set up Wietske de Ruiter to place her shot after 54 minutes.

PETER KNOWLES, so often

in the shadow of Darren Hall,

the eight-times national cham-

pion, emerged into the lime-

light by unexpectedly beating

Jeroen van Dijk, the world

No 23, to hasten England's 4-1

victory over Holland yester-

day and ensure that his coun-

try will contest one of the

medals on the final day of the

team event at the European

Knowles makes most

of chance in spotlight

FROM RICHARD EATON IN HERNING, DENMARK

The squad for Saturday has now been joined by Kathy Johnson, Jo Mould and Tina Cullen for a two-week training trip to Atlanta for games against Spain and the United States. By the time they return, the players will know exactly who has won a place

for the Olympics.

Certainly, Cullen's confidence is riding high. On Saturday, she scored the goal gainst Doncaster that won Hightown, from Liverpool, their first league title. With nine goals in the European Cup Winner's Cup last weekend and 13 in the league making her the premier division's top scorer - Cullen could be precisely the ducker and diver that Cardwell is

completed in the women's

doubles by Joanne Wright and

Julie Bradbury. Earlier. Bradbury and Si-

mon Archer had struggled in

the opening encounter, trailing 10-7 in the final game to

Ron Michels and Erica van den Heuvel. However, the

mixed doubles gold medal

favourites for the individual

event recovered to win 15-9,

During this match, it was

evident that Archer still has

problems with the ankle liga-

ments that hindered him in

the All-England final last

month, and there was worse

Nick Ponting, the 1994 All-England mixed doubles cham-

pion, will take no part in the

injury news to follow.

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Radley's final pair close door on luckless Malvern

BY MEL WERB

IN ONE of the closest finishes in recent times, Radley played cool and incisive golf to win the Public Schools Golfing Society's Halford Hewitt Cup for the first time with 2 32 victory over Malvern at Royal Cinque Ports, Deal, yesterday. For Malvern, the perennial bridesmaids, it was yet was their sixth appearance in the final, and their sixth defeat. Good losers they undoubtedly were, but, try as they might, they could not prevent a collective cap of woe

Malvern had reached the final with a series of convincing victories — they twice won 50 and dropped only three points in winning their three other matches. The did not drop more than 14 points inany match until they came up

from overflowing when it was

against Radley. Radley, who along the way had disposed of Charterhouse the most successful side in the history of the competition, and Tonbridge, three times the winners since 1990, made a solendid start in the final when Tom Etridge and James Martin-Jenkins beat Sebas-tian Blanchet and Hendrey Aldrige 4 and 3 in the top match, but it was nip and tock

after that. Clive Edginton and lan Timberlake levelled things with a one-hole victory over Hugh Mackeown and Mark Walker, only for Radley to nose ahead again through

Chris Ball and Simon Peck. Jeremy James and Bruce Strather, of Malvern, then levelled the match with a 3 and 2 win over Angus Chilvers and Richard Palmer, helped by Radley's loss of the 16th when Chilvers forgot to replace his ball in the correct place on the green after moving his marker to allow James an unimpeded

passage to the hole. Thus it all depended on the last match, in which Peter Mathieson, who this year passed 100 matches for Malvern in this competition, and his young partner William Beeson, seemed to have things tied up when they were two ur through the turn against Will

Bailey and Nick Gareth Jones. The Radley pair had played some jittery golf on the front nine but gradually clawed their way back, taking the lead for the first time on the 17th. At the 18th, Bailey played a

fine second shot from a fluffy lie to the left fringe and Gareth Jones virtually closed the door on Malvern with a putt lagged to threee feet.

A courageous putt from unwards of 20 feet by Beeson put some pressure on Bailey. but he held his nerve to sink the putt to halve the hole and complete a famous one-hole

Win.

RESULTE: Third Round: Radley 4
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1%, Dulwich 3% Bradfield 1/k; Forest 3
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N Madewown and M N Walker lost to C L A
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Coleman 3 and 1; A D Chakers and R H
Palmer lost to R D James and P G Straiber 3
and 2; W E S Badley and M N Gereth Jones
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Britain reap reward for new discipline

From Norman de Mesquita in eindhoven

GREAT Britain's ice-hockey players had a more than satisfactory weekend in pool B of the world championships. After disappointing defeats against Switzerland and Latvia, successive wins over Poland and Holland brought four much-needed points and virtually eliminated the danger of relegation to pool C.

Vitally, in both weekend matches, discipline was much improved and there was a drastic reduction in the number of penalties that had cost Britain dearly earlier in the tournament. Indeed, three of the four goals in the 4-2 win over Poland on Saturday came when Poland players were sitting in the penalty box.

Doug Mason, the Canadian-born coach of the Dutch team, had said before the match yesterday that he felt that his team's best chance lav in taking advantage of British penalties. Unfortunately for his game plan, Britain led 2-0 at the end of the first period through Paul Adey and Patrick Scott and were out of reach at 5-1 - with goals from Merv Priest, Steve Moria and Simon Hunt — at the end of

Peter Woods, the Britain coach, was obviously delighted with the two wins, but the

day off today will be spent continuing to try to eliminate some of the bad habits that the players get into during their domestic season.

"It was a great result," he said. "I was a bit apprehensive it being our fourth game in five days. We did play a bit more of a complete game. We have a day off now and a chance to regroup. We are happy with where we stand right now and hopefully we can progress from there."

Mason was honest enough to admit that things could have been worse for his side had it not been for Honoré Loos, in goal, but for whom it might have been 5-0 at the end of the first period.

Britain's next game is tomorrow against Japan and that is likely to provide another win that would leave them still in with an outside chance of a bronze medal, although there are still some

It is encouraging that so many players have contributand, while Tim Cranston scored three goals in the two games, including a final effort rom a penalty shot yesterday. with six other players on the scoresheet, it was certainly a

Haining lifts Olympic hopes

PETER HAINING, aiming for Olympic selection and 12 stone heavier than when he won his third lightweight world rowing title last sum-mer, regained his Scullers Head crown on Saturday (Mike Rasewell writes).

Racing into a tough headwind from the Mortlake start, Haining moved steadily away from Guy Pooley, his fellow Olympic aspirant, Conditions were appalling from Chiswick Eyot to Hammersmith, causing Pooley to catch two "boatstopping crabs" at St Paul's, while Haining's only apparent concession to the waves was a although he said afterwards: "It was a nightmare trying to keep my forearms loose. It was like taking one step forward and two back."

Conditions improved as the two-hour race unfurled and the tide fell, producing some spectacular rises for later competitors, including Mark Kettle, who moved from 162nd to second and Chris Greenway, who moved to fifth from 265th. to win the novice honours.

Tish Reid, Great Britain's Olympic sculler in 1992 and aiming for another Olympic vest in Atlanta, was the fastest woman of the day, but Sue drop in rate from 31 to 30, Appelboom, a lightweight fi-

nalist last summer and starting eightieth, was pipped for the lightweight class by Nicky Dale, a fellow international, who started 316th.

The Cambridge men and women crews won re-runs of their Boat Races against Oxford at Lake Lanier. Georgia, on Saturday. In a new Oxford, Cambridge, Yale, Harvard regatta, the Cambridge women were the only Britons to achieve a 100 per cent record with two wins. Overall, however, Cambridge were edged into second place by Har-

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Defeat costs dear for Loughran

BRITISH boxing suffered yet another blow on Saturday (Srikumar Sen writes). After the world title defeats in recent weeks of Nigel Benn and Frank Bruno, Eamonn Loughran lost his World Boxing Organisation welterweight title. He was demolished in 51 seconds by José Luis Lopez, a littleknown Mexican, at the Everton Park Sports Centre.

Loughran's failure to stand

up to two rights and a follow-

through uppercut left ITV reeling as well. As the result of

a dispute over the light-

flyweight world title bout

champion, from South Africa, and Paul Weir, from Scotland, ITV could not show the bout, and was left with a 40minute hole to fill. They responded by showing a contest between Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns.

The defeat has lost Loughran \$1 million (about £645,000), which he would have earned from contests with Yoriboy Campas, of Mexico, and Pernell Whitaker, the World Boxing Council champion. Lougran will now go either for the British title or meet Michael

Carruth for the Irish championship. Weir, who was stopped in the tenth round of a one-sided match, may try for

turn on and see their man." We have a clear policy about no advertising on shorts in this country. The show turned out a disaster for us.

the European flyweight title. The dispute with Barry Hearn, over advertising on Matiala's trunks, could reinforce fears about the future of boxing on ITV. Hearn said: "I gave a £100.000 fight to ITV for no extra money, and viewers in Scotland could not Gary Newbon, of ITV, said:

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badminton championships today. Knowles, the England No 2. was brought in to lighten Hall's load during a day in which countries in the top

groups had to play twice. Knowles responded with a 15-11. 15-9 success against an opponent who had created a surprise on the opening day by beating Poul Erik Hoyer, the All-England champion, Against Knowles, Van Dijk looked as if he was suffering from the aftermath of that career-best win.

He was sluggish and, after losing an 11-7 lead in the first game, appeared resigned to defeat in the second. Nonetheless. Knowles took his chance in lively fashion, hitting flat and fast, changing the direc-tion of his attacks and disguising his overhead drops well. His success put England 2-0

tournaments because of a knee problem. This will damage England's chances of medals in the indidivual events, in which he and Wright had been seeded fourth. Ponting and Julian Robertson had been seeded in the five to eight category in the men's doubles. Denmark, the favourites.

scored their second win, 5-0 over Scotland, and Sweden, the holders, achieved their second success, 5-0 over Poland. Both will be contesting medals today.



FOR AREA FINALS

Mens: D. Craik & G. Seaver & P. Bellamy (Burghill Valley

Ladies: T. Evers & E. Maggs (Frilford Heath G.C.). L. Hills & S. Record, E. Rawlins & M. Whitby (University of Newcastle), P. Jenkins & M. Price (Burghill Valley G.C.). M. Bellamy & G. Dewey (Chew Valley B.C.)

Mixed: M. & P. Lynch, R. & J. Mitchell (Frilford Heath G.C.). Valley B.C.), R Proops & J. Featherstone, M. Whodbee & F.Renme (S.W. London B.C.)

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By Philip I ton

CHALLENGE CALL: 0181-942 9506 or fax to: 0181-942 9569



Radler; final pa close do on luckle

'If you die, we don't get into trouble', the bungee jumpers told Perry Cleveland-Peck

Blasted up into the sky



At his wits' end: "The crane stopped about 300ft above London and the gate was opened. After five attempts and around ten minutes, I stopped my blubbering and let go"



t ten yards per second, you accelerate towards the ground - you see the whole of London rise up from the skyline, then Chelsea Bridge and then the Thames. You cannot shout. You cannot move. You simply hang there. At last the cord around your ankles absorbs your fall. Only the sky, do you realise that you may actually survive this.

Perhaps, if you still have the

Match-pointed pairs

09522

VJ1094

+K984

+6

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Playing simple methods, if your partner overcalls INT, it is

usual to play a response of Two Clubs as natural and weak; to

inquire for majors, you have to bid the opponents' suit. What, though, is the meaning of a delayed bid of the opponents' suit?

That came up on this hand, from the 1996 Malta Bridge Festival.

♦1884

YAKQ

+KQ97

♦KQ107

₹8732

+1083

J10

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473

Dealer South Game all

441

David Kendrick, my parmer (South), intended his Two

Diamond bid to ask me to

choose between the major

suits. I interpreted it as a

desire to play in diamonds. In

the abstract, I think that is a

reasonable view, but here, my

diamond holding should have

guided me to the correct

conclusion. West was marked

with at least five diamonds

when he backed in with Two

Clubs, and so as my partner

could have, at most, four. He

must have intended Two Dia-

monds to be for take-out.

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capacity, you will ask yourself why people queue, like lemmings, to take part in this peculiar sport. In a moment of rash brava-

do, I accepted a commission to write an article on bungee jumping. I thought it would be a simple maner, after all, any fool can throw him or herself off a crane with nothing but a even thought it might be pleasant.

So, with a nervous constitu- and are blasted into the sky.

BY RAYMOND KEENE

Men v Machines

HESS CORRESPONDENT

After Kasparov's epic battle

against IBM's Deep Blue com-

puter, great interest has been

aroused in trials of strength

between human and silicon

brains. The Aegon tourns-

ment, in progress in The Hague, Holland, sees a

massed field of computers

battling against human mas-

Jon Speelman, of Great

Britain, is one of the early

leaders. In this game, he

follows the established anti-

computer strategy of mini-

mising tactical opportunities

and stressing strategic con-

tours that the silicon brains

Queen's Pawn Opening

Nf6

Ob6

Qxb3

B15

Nbd7

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NH5

0-0

Nhf6

Ra7

Rfa8

B14

25

By Raymond Keene Black to play. This week, I con-

tinue my homage to Alexander Alekhine, the great attacking

world champion who died 50 years

ago. This position is from the game Blumenfeld — Alekhme, Moscow,

1908. The danger signal for White here is the advanced Black pawn

NdD

WINNING WOVE

Notice 5

find difficult to grasp.

White: Jon Speelman

Aegon, Man v Machine

Black: Arthur

April 1996

1 d4 2 c3

3 Bi4

4 e3

5 Qb3

6 axb3

7 Nd2

8 b4

9 h3

17 Nab3

18 Nc5

19 bxc5

20 Bxe5

22 g3

ters and grandmasters.

tion, I arrived, one recent With a harness on, I was Sunday morning, at the apattached to a type of trigger propriately named Adrenalin mechanism that held me to the /illage on Chelsea Bridge, Jon ground while the cord was Nicholls, the proprietor, greetstretched to the crane ed me with a firm handshake overhead and a disclaimer. "If you die, Around this point in the

we don't get into trouble," he exercise I began to grasp the kindly summarised for me. magnitude of my imminent Nicholls felt that I should be fate. "Are you ready?" I was asked (how can you possibly introduced to the world of pult. This is a reverse bungee replied. With that I was fired - you start from the ground 280ft into the sky.

Ng5

heig4 NI7 ReaB Bc8

Bc7 Bd7 Bd2

g8 Ne8

Rb8

Cxd5

Kg7 f5

gxf5 Kf6 Kg? Rg8 Kf8 Ra8 Rg7 Kxg7 Rc8

Diagram of final position

abedefgh

☐ Raymond Keene writes on

chess Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday.

43 Rbd1

48 gxd5

53 Rb6 54 Rh7

The ground simply drops away from you. The whole experience is so alien that it is hard to believe that you are really there. In a matter of about a second, I found myself extremely high and rather alone above Chelsea Bridge. My friends, who had come to watch an idiot scare himself to death, were

mere specks on the ground. mense momentum peaks, a dreadful sense of weightlessness comes over you. It is like going over a hump in the road, at speed, when you don't expect it. That sort of "ooh" feeling, only worse. I felt my testides in the back of my throat. You hang in the sky for a moment, which seems to last forever, and

then you begin

your mind-numb-

ing, earth-bound descent. After I had bounced up and down like a Yo-Yo, I was caught and brought back to glorious terra firma. I was shaking. I couldn't speak. Someone, very far away, was asking me how I felt, which I remember thinking was a somewhat stupid question.

I had my harness taken off and was prepared for my bungee jump. A whole series of thoughts crossed my mind: "How much can one person take? Have there been any tests?" For the first time in my life I entertained the serious possibility of a heart attack.

"For the purposes of the picture, you are going out backwards." The Times photographer said as I had straps fixed to my ankles and another

people can't bun-You cannot shout. see jump for plea-You hang there sure. Like a phal curry or Mount Everest they do it not because it is enjoyable but just because it is there to experience. Bungee jumping originated on the Pentecost Island

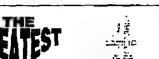
said. "The islanders would jump using tree vines in order to celebrate a good yam harvest." The first UK bungee jump was performed illegally in 1979 off the Clifton Suspension Bridge. The sport took off. as it were, commercially in Australia and New Zealand in the mid-Eighties and then came to Britain. An international bungee

competition. The Extreme Games, takes place each year in the US. Competitors are judged on various aerial manoeuvres, similar to high diving. The qualifying rounds for this year's competition were held at Adrenalin Village over the Easter weekend.

> 9496; to find a jump in your area phone British Elastic Rope Sports Association: 01865 31179.



The author puts his best feet forward back on terra firma





TUNE IN AND CHOOSE BRITAIN'S GREATEST SPORTS STAR

Tonight, Channel 4's The Greatest gives you another chance to vote for the Greatest British sporting hero of them all. And your vote will count in more ways than one, because it could win you a pair of tickets to the European football championship or even the top prize of a trip to the Olympic Games in Atlanta with Daley Thompson.

The main aim of the 12-part series is to bring some degree of scientific method to the comparisons so that a motor racing driver can be judged against a cricketer, a jockey against a tootballer. You probably won't be able to put aside your prejudices completely - we all have our heroes, and our favourite sports - but The Greatest will open your mind to achievements and personalities you may not otherwise have

The cases for Jackie Stewart, Linford Christie, Bobby Moore Torvill and Dean, Mary Rand, Ian Botham, Barry John and Nick Faldo of the 20 shortlisted have been stated. Each week two contenders are examined and their relative merits. discussed by the panel of Frances Edmonds, author and broadcaster, Danny Kelly, editor of Total Sport, and a guest celebrity (tonight it is Kriss Akabusi). Chairing the debate is Gordon Kennedy. The final show will give the results and declare The Greatest. The Greatest is screened on Channel 4 on Mondays at 8.30pm and repeated on Saturdays at 10am. The sporting stars under examination tonight are Steve Ovett and Bobby Charlton. Times writers give their appreciations to help your judgments.

TONIGHT'S CONTENDERS



Many great runners have hunted records and titles in pairs. There are fev better examples of how an athlete can be pushed to higher tests through intense rivalry with a contemporary than the case of Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett. Their pursuit of medals a times was turther stimulated by the arrival of Steve Cram, the third of the tric of outstanding British runners. Ovett's successes in championships

were outstanding but they would probably have been even more impressive if he had not competed in such a glorious era of international middledistance running. Ovett's victories were certainly hard-earned Before Coe became a force, Ovett had looked the supreme 1500 metres runner, particularly at the 1977 World Cup, when he streaked away from the world's beet runners. Although he was not as intrinsically fast as some of his contemporaries, he

possessed an explosive kick which could win a race in a few Ovett was a better at 1500 metres than 800 metres, in which he never set a world record. Curiously his Olympic title in 1980 was earned at the shorter distance, with Coe winning the 1500 metres. Ovett was very much a runner's runner. He competed in a wide range of events, including cross-country, and trained with determined concentration.

When Ovett was at his peak, he looked like a stag in flight. He ed an eura in athletics which few have ever equal



is made of the same latex

material as knicker elastic and

condoms. It occurred to me, as

the instructor ran through a

series of checks, that I had

known both to break. This did

nothing to reassure me. "Have

you got any jewellery on?" my

instructor asked. "How much

do you weigh?" After each

answer he would stamp my

ered was an airmail ink

stamp. I believe it is used to

keep the uninitiated's mind

The crane stopped and the

gate was opened. London in

all its splendour lay before me

I was not enjoying the view.

"Just stick your heels over the edge and lean back. When

you're ready, let go," the instructor said. I tried to think

rationally about what I was

about to do - I failed. There is

nothing rational

about bungee

just have to put

your fate in the

hands of the gods and do it. After

five attempts and

about ten min-

utes, I stopped my

blubbering and

let go. Other than de-

veloping a fear of

heights. I have

since come to the

conclusion that

near New Zealand," Nicholls

occupied.

Courage has been defined as grace under pressure. Bobby Charlton epitomised grace, whether under pressure or not, throughout his illustrious career from an all too brief glided youth to statesmanlike maturity His high style as one of English football's greatest talents for Manchester United and England were matched by his impeccable disciplinary

record. He began as a goalscoring BOBBY CHARLTON "wunderkind", winning his first League which was destroyed at Munich in 1958. Chariton survived, becoming a man overnight as he carried the new team to Wembley on his slim shoulders, and announcing his arrival on the international scene with a typical goal against Scotland at Hampden Park, a volley which flew into the net in a blur. There was inevitably a rection, and for a time his career stalled, but by the mid-Skties he had established his permanent niche as an attacking midfield player for England and United, playing a key role in their greatest triumphs, England's World Cup win in 1966, when he scored twice in the semi-final, and United's European Cup victory two years later, when he scored the first goal. He was England's leading scorer with 49 goals in 106 games, and United's with 199 in the League, but as well as the blistering shooting, those

WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO

sweeping crossfield passes, surging runs and devastating

body swerves stay in the mind. He retired in 1973 after 17

years in the first division; a year later United were relegated.

You will be asked to score each sports personality in each of five categories. Each category carries a maximum of 20 points, so the total scores you give are out of a maximum of 100. The categories are:

Achievement - for honours won and overall record Dominance - for quality of opposition, longevity and domination of peers

Style - for performance, technique, sportsmanship and Image Fortitude - for coping with pressure, will to win, self control

and sporting intelligence

Impact - charisma and transcendence

THE PRIZES



Each week, Channel 4 and The Times will each be giving away a pair of tickets to the European football championship, courtesy of Carlsberg, the official beer of Euro 96, to the person who manages to match the average scores for both of that week's

profiled sports personalities. In the event of a tie, a draw will take place. Ten runners up will each win a signed copy of Daley Thompson's book accompanying the series, The Greatest (Boxtree, £14.99).

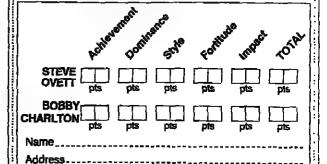
At the end of the series, all the weekly winners will have the chance to win the greatest prize of all - a trip to the Olympics with Deley Thompson.

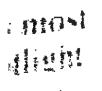
HOW TO REGISTER YOUR VOTE

By telephone: You can call The Greatest phoneline, on

0891 66 55 44 Lines are open from 9pm until midnight tomorrow and from 10am on Saturday, when the show is repeated, until midnight on Sunday. Calls cost 39p cheap rate, 49p at other times.

By post: complete The Times entry form and send it to The Greatest Week 5, PO Box 1413, London N1 8HY to arrive by noon on Friday.





At trick two, West mistakenly continued with the ace of spades; he followed with a club to East's king and ruffed the spade return. Kendrick ruffed the club continuation in hand, and ran the eight of diamonds. He then played another spade, ruffed by West. Now, declarer was in control

Contract: Two Diamonda by South - he ruffed the next club in hand, crossed to the queen of hearts and played the king of diamonds. All West could make was the ace of diamonds. The defence made the ace of spades, two ruffs, the diamond ace and two club tricks, for +100.

I was on my toes in the postmortem. After congratulating my partner on his deft handling of the 5-1 trump break, I pointed out that Two Spades also goes off - the defence get the ace of diamonds and two ruffs, along with three tricks in the black suits. On top of that, had I removed Two Diamonds to Two Spades. East would have gone on to Three Clubs and scored at

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WORD WATCHING By Philip Howard

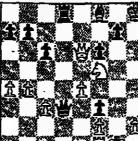
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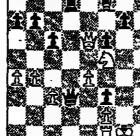
c. A rifle VACKY a. Crazy Yiddish b. An evacuee

SOLVITUR AMBULANDO a. Practical proof b. Cure by exercise c. An ingenious paradox

TENDU a. Raw fish dish b. Stretched c. A ceremonial welcome

on 13. This pawn constantly helps to creates threats against the white king. How did Black exploit these. Answers on page 42





Hamps 1: Essax 4 Somerset 1: Kent 4
Dorset 2: Comwell 3 Lowestoft Y 5,
Northumbertand 2 Strope 1; N Yorks 3
Cheshire 1. Durtern 3 Notis 0: Merseyside
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SNOOKER

RT-LINGBOROUGH: Dr Martens European Langue: K Doherty (ref bt 8 C'Sullivan (Eng) 5-3; S Dants Engi ches un J Parrott (Eng) 4-4; S Hendry (Scot) bt. J Parrott (Eng) 5-3; P Eodon (Eng) bt. J Parrott (Eng) 5-3.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Bredford 51 Brater 45; Eastbourne 56 London 38; Swindon 63 8; Vue 36; Cradley H and Stoke 53 Codord 42; Coventry 64 Hull 32.

ANTIBES: Franch Open: Semi-Sasis: B-Martin (Aus) bt J Power (Can) 3-2; R'Eyles (Aus) bt A Hill (Aus) 3-1.

SQUASH

TENNIS

SHOOTING

CAPE TOWN: ASA Engen meeting: Mem: 100m: D Bradtwelte (GB) 10.39ssc. 200m: J Reps (GB) 20.61. 400m: 1 Thorins (GB) 45 68 400m: 1 Mean Hearden (SA) Imm 44.57sec; 2, D Strang (GB) 1.46.41. 110m hundles: 1, C Jackson (GB) 13.33sec; 2, Agrent (GB) 13.33 40m; L Herbert (SA) 49.89sec Pole yeuft: T Lobinger (Ga) 5.81m. Javelin: J Zelszny (CJ) 87 88.

ing: Hammer: S Bown (rearriger)
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55-55m.
CROSS COUNTRY: Nottingleam: Batter
Police championships. Merr. 1, O Deniels
(Cheshire) 44min 00sec; 2, J Lobo (Lancashre) 44/28. Team: Metropolitan. Women:
1, A Larby (Hampshire) 25/24; 2, S Lynch
(Gwen) 25-48 Team: Hampshire.
ROAD RACING: Copenhagen: IAAF world
relay championships (42/20m): Merr. 1,
Kenya 2m 00min 40sec; 2, Brazil 201-24; 3,
Elmopa 201-50. 4, Denmark 202-36, 5,
Resia 203-37; 6, Meximank 202-36, 6,
Russia 203-37; 6, Wenner: 1, Ethiopea
216 04; 2, Romenta 21641, 3, Japan
216 04; 1, Haly 2200-25; Norwey 220-56;
6, Russia 221-30; 7, Great Britain (R
Mekepeace 16:32, S Rog 33:57; A Winfort
16:38, A Hulley 33:59; S Bentley 16:37; V
McPhenson 23:58; 221-41), Portsmouth:
Bupa international race; Merr. 1 mile: 1, 6
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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday; Chicago 2: Oaldand 7, Boston 1 Claveland 2: Detrot 1 California 5. Minnesota 2; New York 4 Teoss 3; Toronto 6 Seatile 9. Saturday; Boston 2: Claveland 14, Toronto 3 Seatile 14, Detrot 9: California 5. Bettimone 7 Minnesota 6, New York 6 Texas 10, Chicago 6 California 6, Texas 10, Chicago 6 California 6, May York 6 Texas 10, Chicago 6 California 11, Detrot 12, Inna).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Priday; San Francisco 4 Chicago 1, Prisburgh 3 Montreel 13. Cincinrata 8 Houston 10 (10 irris); St Louis 6 Philadelphia 1; Colorado 6 New York 5, Los Angeles 1 Flonda 3; San diego 3 Altaria 5, Saturday; Pitsburgh 9 Montreel 3; St Louis 2 Philadelphia 4, San Francisco 3 Chicago 2 (10 irris). Postponed: Cingmati y Houston; Colorado y New York.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (ABA): Pricing Boston 138 Toronto 108, Washington 118 Minnesota 106: Altaria 104 Milwaulwe 97, Indiane 111 Orisndo 101; Chicago 112 Priladelphas 82; Vancouver 89 Sacraffento 98; LA Lakens 94 Golden State 81, Saturday; Miami 103 New York 95; San Antonio 84 Seattle 81, Houston 112 Delles 111; Indians 91 Detroit 86; LA Cappers 91 Jacob 11.

BUDARSSER LEAGUE: Chempiorship play-offs: Querter-finals, first leg: Derby 78 Brmingham 92; Manchester 72 Leopard 76, Thames Valley 87 London 118; Wor-thing 76 Sheffield 78. BOWLS

MELTON MOWERAN: English Men's Indoor Championship: Fours: First round: Steatard (B Coalon) to Atheriey (P Line) 16-13. Wey Veilley (J Sussed) bt Church Greeley (J Bemed) 23-18: Havenhil (L Bentick) bt Raivesde (M King) 17-16; Teigribridge (J Wickham) bt Newcastle (S Harvey) 23-17; Grees Aycliffe (D Dowson) bt Newcark (M Ward) 22-18; Dorchester (S Dickneyo) bt Luton (J Allent 22-12: Oyster (A Comfoot) bt Starley (C Pelmer) 17-18; Bentham (G Gniffiths) bt Desbrough (M Woodley) 23-21; Rushden (T James) bt Westingt (D Smith) bt Desbrough (W Westingt (D Smith) bt Desbrough (W Smith) bt Lincoln (B Smyth) 23-12; Packington (G Smyth) bt Stade (B Addriss) 30-7; Huddersfield (A Aldrisson) bt Victory (C Brawer) 23-13. Cyphera (G Smith) bt Preston (D Oveill 26-17; Falcon (D Glidersleve) bt UCB Celophare (D Fowfeel 30-18, Second round: Wey Veilley bt Stealond 22-19. Teignbodge bt Haverhill 25-17; Great Aydille ht Dorchester 18-17 (after extra and), Bertham bt Oyster 20-13; North Walsham bt Rushden 22-15; Barking bt Paddington 25-22; Huddersfield bt Mid-Butflotk 22-14. Cyphera bt Felson 31-15.

One-day international West Indies v Sri Lanka PORT-OF-SPAIN, Tunidad (Srt Lanks won loss): Sn Lanks best West Indias by 35 runs

CRICKET

3rd.

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Council welterweight champlonathlp
(12/rds): Pernel Whitaker (US, holder) bt
Willredo Rivers (P Rich) pts. World Boding
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P U C J Vass b Bishop

I S Mahanana c Chanderpeul b Weish

JU Chandana e Adams b Harper

ID P K Dharmasene not ouf

Muralitharan e Adams b Harper

Sidniss (b B, w 8, m 3)

Extract (to 6, W 8, no 3) 251
Total (48.8 overs) 251
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-88, 3-137, 4-188, 5-200, 6-217, 7-219, 8-243, 9-246
BOWLING: Bishop 5-0-49-1, Weish 8-1-40-22, Harper 9.3-0-34-5, Williams 8-0-42-1;
Adams 10-0-42-2, Chanderpaul 8-0-38-1, WEST MODES
8 Chanderpaul no 0-48

Extras (lb 8, w 10, nb 2) BOXING Total (9 wide, 50 overs) . WYTHENSHAWE PORUM, NAMEDING W/THENSHIME PORTAL themonetics
British Rotal-middleweight chempionship
(12-de): Eneley Bingham (Manchester) by
Gary Logan (London) rsc 6th.
Crusterweight (8rds): C Thompson
(Manchester) by A Call (Chimsby) rst 4th.
Middleweight (4rds): P Bowen (West Ham)
bt D Ryan (London) rsc 2nd. Lightweiterweight (8rds): P Burke (Manchester)
bt P Till (Weisel) por "C A Waish did not bed.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-8, 2-15, 3-131, 4-184, 5-140, 6-141, 7-158, 8-180, 9-218. BOWLING: Vass 6-1-19-1, de Sika 9-1-42-0, Munaitheran 10-1-37-2, Dharmasana 9-1-33-2; Chandanna 10-0-40-1; Jayasuriya 5-0-32-1, Tileksratna 1-0-5-1 Man-of-the-match: P V Simmons Umpres: C Cumberbatch, E Nicholis bt P Till (Weiser) por 2/ERTTON PARK, Liverpool: World Boding Organisation weithsmelight championship (12rds); Jose Lus Lopez (Mex) bt Earnory Loughstan (Ire. holder) rsc 1st. World 8oding Organisation tight-lyweight championship (12rds): Baby Jake Mattele (3A, holder) bt Paul Weir (Soot) ma 10th. Weithmelight (Brds): Netl Smothr (Ire) bit Hugh Davey (Waltsand) pts. Super-ben-tamweight (Brds): Michael Broofie (Merochastier) bt John Shilleto (Liverpool) to 1st. Bantamweight (Brds): Peter Culshaw (Liverpool) bt Lyndon Kershaw (Halliso) rac Third amoire: A Gosein

Sharjah Cup South Africa v Pakistan SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates (South Alrica won toss): South Alrica beet Pakidatan by 143 runs

NOUTH AFFOCA A C Hudson c Aquib b Youns
G Kinsten D Aquib
D J Cultinan not out
W J Croyle c Inzamen b Muehtaq
J N Rhodes not out
Stress (B 7, w 3)

Total (3 wids, 50 overs) B M McMalan, C R Matthews, S M Pollock, 10 J Richardson, P S die Villers and P L Symbox did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS. 1-115, 2-157, 3-222. FALL OF WICKETS. 10-158-1; Aquito 9-0-69-1; Mushnaq, 10-0-63-1. Seqlein 9-1-55-0; Sohali 10-0-56-0; Malk 2-0-18-0.

PAKISTAN

EALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-48, 3-49, 4-50, 5-58, 6-52, 7-90
BOWLING, Pollock 10-1-44-1, de Villiers 10-40-2, McMillen 7-1-20-1, Matthews 8-1-21-1, Sympox 10-1-21-0, Cronje 5-0-23-1, Sympox 10-1-21-0, Cronje 5-0-23-1, Sympox 10-1-21-0, Cronje 5-0-23-1, Sympox 10-1-21-0, Sympox 10-1-21 match: D J Cultinan Umpires: B Cooray (Sri Laniet) and M Cowie (NZ), Man-of-the

South Africa v India SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates (South Africa won toes): South Africa best India by BOUTH APPICA

G Kinsten b Ratu 108
A C Hudson c Tendulkar b Sringth 0
D J Cullinan c Drawid b Kymble 28
P I. Symbox b Kumble 90
W J Cronje run out 90
J N Phodes c Drawd b Retu 23

Total (6 wids, 60 overs) fD J Richardson, C R Matthews and P S de Villers did not but. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-56, 3-56, 4-210, 5-249, 6-266.

5-249, 6-260. BOWLING: Sinneth 9-0-43-1, Valdya 6-0-42-Q. Kumble 10-0-45-2, Raju 10-0-57-2, Tendulkar 7-0-40-0, Jadeja 8-0-44-0. MON

l R Mongis not out

A Kumble not out Extras: (b 1, fb 1, w 3, nb 1) Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) S L V Rejudid not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-41, 3-45, 4-82, 5-143, 8-147, 7-187, 8-195. 5-143, 8-147, 7-187, 8-195.

BOWLING: Pollock 10-0-42-3, de Villers 10-0-54-2, McMillan 7-0-18-0, Mailtineus 10-0-28-1, Symoox 7-0-43-2, Cronje 6-0-23-0.

Man-of-the-maich: W J Cronje 6-0-23-0.

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GRENADA: Under 15 tour malche Was England 178 (Carter 57, Hunter Granada 124.

CYCLING PIOUBAN, France: Paris to Roubals race:
1, J. Museaux (Bel, Mapa) Sive Smire. 2, G.
Borlolami (R, Mapa), S. A Tati (R, Mapa)
same thre: 4, S. Zamini (R, Disabala) at 2min
38ec; 5, F. Bellestra (R, Mapa) same thru:
6, A. Tchimi (Buss, Lotto) at 525; 7, B. Holm
(Den, Teleform); 8, V. Yeldmov (Russ,
Pabobank); 9, F. Moreau (Fr. GAN); 10, M.
Milled (R, Breaudalan) at seven time.

FENCING

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY: Cole Cup: Merc 1, K Zaviah (Eng): 2, C Reofr (US): 3, R Knight (Eng) and N Fistcher (Eng), Worren: 1, S Benney (Eng): 2, L Bond-Williams (Eng), 3 S Kardolus (Holf) and S Gairsdoth (tos).

HOCKEY ATLANTA, Georgia: Str-nation pre-Olym-pic tournament: United States 1 South Korea 1; Pakasten 2 Great Britain 0; India 3 Argentins 0. Mit.TON KEYNER: Inter-Langua Play-offs: Secundary: Pool one: Oxford Hawley 1

9. Pool two: Hampsland 4 lps//dit 2. Warrington 1 Lewes 5 Yesterday: Pool One: Harborne 1 Weston Super Maré 2. Pool two: Lewes 3 lps//dit 3. ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE Premier di-vision B: Darstern 4 Sudbury 0; Norwich City 3 Romford 3.

City 3 Romford 3.

WOMEN'S LEGILLE Premier Christon:
Precional 0 Caffon 1: Donosaster 0 Highsown
1; Inswich 4 Balsom Lelcester 0; Slough 2
Suitor Canada Life 1. First christon:
Bradford Swittenbank 1 Emouth 0;
Christonia Windurdon 0; Sundariand
Bedarra 0 Subrehara 0; Tropara 0 Canterbusy
1. Second division: Eating 1 Reading 2;
Loughborough 0 Otton 0; Sherwood 1
Woleng 0; St. Albana 1 Aldedge 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Detroit 5 Chicago 3; NY Islanders 1 Florids 1 (01). Tampa Bay 3 NY Rangers 2 Winnipeg 5 Los Angeles 3; Anahem 5 Dellas 3; Calgary 6 San Jose 0. Setunday: Ottowe 5 Communica James 2 Herbord 2 Boston 0. Moramal a NY Manders 5 (01): Toronto 6 Ecomonica 3; Publish 3. Westberdon 2 Venezulars 5 Buttalo 3 Washington 2, Vancouver Calgary 0.

BenDMOVEN, Holland: World Chamblon-enige: Pool B: Laivie 5 Denmark 3; Switzerland 7 Japan 2; Great British 4 Poland 2; Great British 6 Holland 2. LACROSSE

EDINGURGH: Women's International: England H 21 Scollend B 0. Molecus Puric South of England Plage: Pinsis: Seniors; Karlon 13 Hampsteed 6. Intermediates: Leigh 0 Croydon 26; Mirrors Kenton A 11 Cambridge University 7. Shapherds Priendly Society: Premier divisior: Headan Mersey 16 Timperley 7; Mellor 8 Hulmelans

ROWING

SCULLERS HEAD: Top tem sind Permans winners: 1, P Haining (Aurol Kensindon), Open winner, 21mn 4Seec, M Kettle (Imperial College), Seriar one winner, 22min 13sec; C Pooley (Leander) 22min 17sec; L Pietcher (Ihames) 22min 18sec; C Greenwey (Kingston), novice winner, 22min 19sec; T Male (Tideway Scullers) 22min 18sec; T Manol Mareington) 20min 18sec (Abarders winner, Manol Mareington) 23min 18sec, Services winner, M Boyd (RM) 23min 18sec, Apprairies and Junior winner; M Hunter (Pooler, Blackwell and District) 23min 8 sec, Junior sideen; M Pinclersy (Tideway Scullers) 24min 25sec, Lightweight Merr; Senior pinc W Suthern (Durham University) 23min 25sec, Junior
3sec. Servior two: D Smith (Motergrant)
Trent University) 23/mm 48sec. Sanior
trene: M Westert (London) 23/mm 22sec.
Veteran men: Category A: D Sadier
(Tideway Scullers) 23/mm 3sec. Category
E: R Stamhope (Tideway Scullers) 23/mm
20sec. Category C: G Gate (Tideway
Scullers) 23/mm 5tsec. Category D: A
Almend (Quinton) 23/mm 5tsec. Women:
Open: P Reid (Lee) 23/mm 5tsec. Senior
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REAL TENNIS

CUEENS CLUB: British Land National Champlonehips: Under-21: Semi-finals: A Blosse bt S Virgons 6-5, 6-2, Unider-24: Semi-foneids of 5-6, 6-1, 6-5, Under-24: Semi-finals: 0 Jones bt 8 Dale 6-2, 6-0; R Gum bt A Lyons 6-3, 6-3. SCHOOL SPORT

RILIGERY LINDONS Colts international England 36 Scotland England: Tries: Sampson, Berlow, Home, Bell, Worsley. Cort: Sampson, Pens: Sampson (3), Scotland: Tries: Caldwell (2). Pen: Um. (at Coverity)
POOTBALL: English Schools
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Oldham: Tries: Alcheson, Crompton 2, Psyrtone, Goals: Maloney 4, Dropped goel: Crompton, Leads: Tries: Fallon, Iro 2, Goele: Hotroyd 2, Att 3,350.

12 Hull

Huddensteld 10 Keighley 12 Huddensteld: Trivet Austr., Barren, Gost. Schofield. Keighley: Tries: Finitosy, Barrentesy Scalin Oroon 2. Att. 5,055.

Rochdele 16 Betley Rochdele: Tries: Booth, Planegen. Goel Booth 4. Betley: Tries: D Heron, Middleto Tombreon. Goele: Holmes 2. Alt. 1,078.

14 Selford

Devaloury: Tries: Austerfield, Goals: Eston 2. Hull: Try: Webbs

34 Worldrigton Parts: Tries: Bornati, Champon 3; Kacala, Pastre-Courtine, Godie: Torreller 5, Whittingsort: Tries: Burns, Walkers, Gouss, Marradod 2, Acc 6,534.

20 Gradient

Stones Super League

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Gray 3. Alt: 1,224.

HUNKIG (KONIG: Men's tournament: Semi-finels: P Semonts (US) bit J Semaink (Hot) 6-3, 4-8, 7-8; M Chang (US) bit -T Woodbridge (Aus) 6-3, 6-4. Finels: Sempres bit Chang 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. LISBON: Men's tournament: Semi-dinals: T Muster (Austria) bit A Conetia (So) 6-7, 6-4, 6-0; A Gaudenti (II) bit P Hearthia (Hot), 6-2, 6-1; Planal: Muster bit Gautienz 7-6, 6-4. NEW DEF Ht. Men's tournament: Finel: 7-6, 6-4. NEW DELHI: Men's tournament Final, T. Encylst (Swe) bt B Black (Zim) 6-2, 7-8. Engines (Swell) as Blaster (Lin 1927 / A. Riesboltour: Pinels: Merr: P Hand (Betterine) bit 3 Spirits (Notfolk) 6-4, 6-7, 7-6, Wormen: 8 Smith (Essey) bit J Wend (Durhelm and Cleveland) 6-3, 6-2. AMERIA (SLAM), Forder property to prementy to prementy send-finals; M Plarce (R) bt M J Fernandez (US) 6-2, 6-4; I Spidee (Rom) bt A Sanchez Viceno (Sp) 8-1, 7-5.

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Hull K Pt. Trise: Adams, Advins 2,-C Herrison, D'Arcy, G Brown, Hos, Scott, Stewart, Goests, Gens, M Flatcher, 8: Precoot, 17(est: Bigland, Familing, Goests, Familing 2, Att. 1,855.

Hunsiet: Tries: Herten, Penge 2. Boele: Smon Wison 3. Dropped gost: Henten: Leigh: Tries: Jeson O'Loughlin, Purtil. Double: Purtil 4. Att. 1,002.

RUGBY UNION

Fest division

Pristol: Tries: Bracken, Rotht. Constrainton 2. Pens: Tarrion 5 Leicester: Tries: Jey, Potter, Underwood 2 Const. Liley 4 Vens: Liley 4 Dropped goal: Harris Tries: Cralinor, Greenwood, Suples, Con: Cralinor, Per: Dropped goel: Chalinor. Tries: Raymond, Smith Pers;

is 15 Beth 21 is: Tries: Diprose, Halvey Con: G Pen: G Hughes, Bellh: Tries: Dawe. Con: Callard. Pens:

Wasps: 51 Orrell 16
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Grednatock, Gregory, Rotes; Sorase, Condi-Gregory 5 Penas: Gregory 2 Orral: Tries: Humer, Tulgarnaia: Penas: Masout 2

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LEADING SCORERS: 240: J Liey
(Lecester; 3 tries, 24 conversione, 58
penaity goels, 1 dropped goel), 208: J
Callerd (Bath), 33, 37c, 40cp) 158: 5 Massen
(Orrel, 4), 16c, 37pp), 148: R Uley (Site; 3),
19c, 30pp, 2dg), 110: T Stimpson (West
Hartlepool, 5), 8c, 23pp), 101: P Creating
(Hartlepool, 5), 8c, 23pp), 101: P Creating
(Hartlepool, 5), 7c, 25pp, 1dp), 85: D Pears
(Hartlepool), 11, 15, 12, 12pp, 3dp), 82: M
Taimon (Bristot), 7c, 25pp, 1dp), 85: D Pears
(Hartlepool), 11, 15, 11, 2 Bromley (Hartlepool), 11, 15, 11, 2 Bromley (Hartlepool), 8: J Guscon (Bath), 8: G Smith
(Oratil).

Second division Beckord: A Moseley 23 Beckord: Try: Marcell Perc Smith. Moseley: Tries: Birns, Smallcombe, Cone: Birns 2 Pane: Birns 2 Dropped goal: Birns,

Blackheeth 23 London Irish 46 Blackheeth: Tries: James. Shadbolt 2, Con-Howard. Pens: Howard 2. London Irish: Tries: Bird, Dougan, Halom 2, Henderson, O'Shea, Corlet: Corotrari 2, Pens: Corop. Fin 4. Newcestie 45 Landon Scattlein 11 fewcestie: Tries: Belgian, Popplewell, Rysn I. Underwood, Vanzandviet, Walton, Const. Jelgian 2. Penis: Begian 2. Landon Scottish: Try: Walker, Penis: Steele 2.

Northempton 68 Waterloo 5 Northempton: Tries: Allen, Beal 2, Dawson, Hunter, Moir 4, Pountney 2. Cone: Grayson 7 Waterloo: Try: Fletcher. Wakefield 38 Nottinghem 15 Wakefield: Tries: Jackson, Mayrard, Rushlorth, Scully 2 Con; Jackson, Pens; Jackson 3 Notlini, Tries; Gallagher, Smallwood, Con; Hodglenson Dropped goal; Hodglenson

| Goal: Hodglerson. | Feb. | F LEADING SCORERS: 285; M. Corcoran (London Insh; 8 Ines, 34 conversions, 59

Rotherhem 29 Fylde 19 Rotherhem: Tries: Selvirk, West 2. Con: Plant. Pens: Flant 3. Dropped goal: Plant. Fylde: Try: Anderson. Con: Gough, Pens: Gough 4 Aughy

Fifth division tiguth North Welsham 13 Lydney

Herrogate 44 Reeding 10. Herrogate: Tries: Marcroft, Morley, Reed, S Easterby, Taylor, Wheat. Core: Zoing 4, Pens: Zoing 2, Reading: Try: Fenning. Core Danes. Pert. Dence.

Fourth division Aspetriu 40 Lineda Exeter 34 Citicon 12 Watsell Liverpool 8t H 27 London Welen Redruth 38 Flymouts

Harley
Barking
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pansky gostal 188: P Grayson (Northerspion: 3t, 67c, 10pg, 2 dropped gosts), 156: M Jackson (Walesisch, 1t, 7rc, 3ppg) 151: A Kerr (Nossier, 9t, 1tc, 3)pg, 2dg, 148: S Hodgionson (Nottingham, 1t, 16c, 34pg, 3dg), 137: S Howard (Blackinsstri, 2t, 14c, 28pp), 5dg), 138: M Errimet (Waterloo, 1t, 12c, 35pg), 128: J Steels (London Sociini); 2t, 16c, 35pg, 128: J Steels (London Sociini); 2t, 16c, 35pg, 128: J Steels (London Sociini); 2t, 16c, 35pg, 17c, 17c, 17c. M Alen (Northermpton), 13: G Seely (Northermpton), G Townsend (Northermpton), A Pountiny (Northermpton), A Pountiny (Northermpton), M Dawson (Northermpton) Third division

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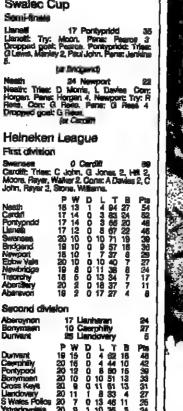
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LEADING SCOPERS: 204: Fi Zoing (Harrogale: 3 tries, 18 conversions, 48 penalty
gales, 3 dropped goal), 195: J Greyshon
(Morley, 21, 195, 43p., 6dg) 188: J Gregory
(Ruthrond, 44, 28c, 3apg) 172; J Quarrati
(Ruthrond, 44, 28c, 3apg) 172; J Quarrati
(Ruthrond, 44, 28c, 3apg), 138; F Ruttedge
(Ottley, 11, 10c, 3apg), 137: K Plant
(Hotherham; 16c, 3apg, 5dg), 127: S Gough
(Fylde, 21, 12c, 3apg) 174es; 12: C Pratigs
(Reading), 24: Boyd (Ruthrond), J Horrobin (Covertry), E Saunders (Rugby), 6: A
Cuthost (Richmond), B Shaphera (Coventry)

First division Swenses 0 Cardiff 89 Cardiff: Trise: C John, G Jone, 2, Hit 2, Moore, Payer, Walter 2, Cons: A Davies 2, C John, Rayer 2, Stone, Williams. Nesth Cardiff Portypndd Llanella Serogend Newport Eldow Valle Newbridge Theorety Abertillery Abertillery Abertillery Second division 10 Caerphily 25 Llandovery

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First round

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CLUB MATCHES: Asserts 21 Newbury 24,
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TOKYO: Japan Sevens: Ouerter-finals: Wales 21 West Samoa 17. New Zealand 28 Hong King 7: Argentina 28 Tonga 19; Fig 26 France 12. Semi-finals: New Zealand 24 Wales D: Fir 25 Angentina 12 Final: Fig 61 New Zealand 5



in Copenhagen. Brazil finished second and Ethiopia, who won the women's race, third.

POINT-TO-POINT

BICESTER WITH WHADDON CHASE (Kingston Blount): Pegasus Hunt: 1, Common Mary (Miss M Maher, 7-1): Hunt: 1, Cawkwel Dean (R Sweeting, 6-4 lav): Confined: 1, Kaly's Bye (L Law, 5-1), Dpant: 1, Lucky Christopher (G Tarry, 11-10 lav). Ladies: 1, Bankhead (Miss C Spearing, 6-4 tay). Intermediate 1, Grecan Lark (G Tarry, 8-11 lav). Midn: 1, The Man From Clare (L Lay, 5-1). Man From Care (L Lay, 5-1)

BROCKLESSY (Brocklesty Park), Hunt 1,
Policy Grange (S. Robinson, 2-9 lev)
Contined: 1, Ways And Means (K. Green,
Evens tav), Ladies: 1, Integrity Boy (Miss A
Armtage, 4-5 tav), Open 1, Park Drift (Fl.
Tate, 9-4), Monterey Retricted: 1, Ginger
Pink (S. Roberson, 10-1) Mch. Div. 1: 1,
Sharp To Oblige (S. Swiers, 5-2); Div II. 1,
Nee-Argoe (P. Milangton, B-1).
CHESHIRE (Alparkam): Hunt 1, Barkin
(C. Stockton, 4-5 tav), Morntorevy
Rest, 7, Pin Up Boy (A Crow, 4-1), Mased
Open: 1, Scally Mure (A Crow, 5-2)
Open Mch. 1, Shariballymore (J.
Tilley, 7-2)

GLAMORGAN (St. Hianv), Hunt 1, News

Lucky Ole Son (Muse P Jones) Ladies: 1, Goolds Gold (Miss P Jones, 4-9 fav) Open 1, Bandy Beau (7 Jones, 5-2) Rest. 1, Shui's Star (P Harner, 7-2 fav) Midn: 1, Pharnago (Miss P Coopler, 14-1) Midn: 1, Barnaby Boy (J P Keen, 6-4 fav). Barrisby BOy (J P Reen, 6-4 ray).

LUDLOW (Bitterley): Hurst. 1, Ledwyche Gate (M 000056n, 9-4). Confirmed 1, Shoon Wind (A Datton, 3-1) Land Rower Open. 1, Buckslem (F Bevs.; Svens lay). Open Mich Div I: 1, Another Chancer (M Hams, 6-1); Div II: 1, Liffle Notice (R Bevs., 4-1). Ledies 1, Run To Form (Mass. & Witesmith, 8-1) Open Mich Div I: 1, Silver Fig (N Bradley, 5-1); Div II: 1, Cartsum (Mass E James, 4-1). E James, 4-1)
OLD SURREY & BURSTOW (Penshurst).
Nat Country Hunt. 1, Benogue His (Mrs A Bisker, 2-1 kay. Confined: 1, Alaneford (P Bull, 3-1) Hunt: 1, Monkstort (Mrs C Holliday, 1-2 kay. Depart. 1, Retail Runner (T Hills. 1-2 kay. Ladies 1, Mentanoore (Mrs F Haffield, 25-1). Rest 1, King's Mavenck (P Haclung, 5-4 kay.) Open Midn. 1. Polar Ana (Miss S Gladdiers, 5-1)

PLICKERIDGE (Horsehaeith): Hunt 1, Shake Five (S Sportorg, 1-3 tev), Open Midn* 1, Auchendolly (S Sportorg, 5-2), Open Mdn. 1, Fight Of Love (J Bucide, 6-1), Confined, 1, River Melody (T Moore, 4-5 (av) Ladles: 1, Astrboro (Mass L Holis, 6-4) Open, 1, Over The Edge (S Sportorg, 4-7 lav) Intermediate: 1, Saffron Flame (P Tasano, 6-4 lav). TETCOTT (Lifton) Confined: 1, Just Ben (Miss J Cumings, 5-1) Midn Div I: 1, Lady Lit (Miss S Young, 12-1); Div II: 1, Moortest Highthyn (Miss D Mischell, 11-4) Ladles: 1, Maestic Spott (Miss T Cave, 7-1) Open: 1, Chilpour (N Hams, 3-1) Intermediate: 1, Tasmin Tyrant (L Jefford, 7-4 fav) Rest: 1, Kartinay (K Heard, 2-1)

Nathray (K Heard, 2-1)
WEST SOMERSET VALE (Codmissional)
Hight 1. Jatis 8 Boy Mass H Pavey 1-3
fav) Rest 1. Highway Jim (Miss M Peck, 29 fav). Mised Open 1, Searcy (J
Creginton, 6-4). Intermediater 1, Bridge
Express (Miss H Pavey, 7-4) PPDIA: 1,
Hensus (R Treloggen, 1-6 fav). Midn' 1,
Nothing To Fear (G Bartool-Saunt, 2-1) 2,
Noble Minister.

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71 2. Alt: 2,816. P W D L F W D D L F 3 0 0 114 3 0 0 115 4 2 0 2 95 4 1 2 1 48 4 1 1 2 32 3 1 0 2 38 4 0 1 38 4 0 0 4 39

BIRMINGHAM; British Open chemplo Under-Bülig: 1, Yong-Soo (S Kor); 2, O Spengler (Ger); 3, 5 Authors (GB) and R Clarke (GB) Under-85kg: 1, N Hery (Fr), 2, F Moreau (Fr) 3, Im-Soo Hwang (8 Kor) and C Gaudei (Fr) Gaudei (Fr)
Under-71kg: 1, Ryou Sung-Hyun (S Kort: 2, L Harron (GB), 3, C Bertheau (Fr) and M Grasmuck (Ger).
Under-72kg: 1, A Landais (Fr): 2, S Framora (Fr), 3, D Redistar (Ger) and F Canto (Br)
Under-98kg: 1, D Nacer (Fr), 2, E Zahol (Br), 3, V Carabetta (Fr) and A Passyro (Fr).
Under-98kg: 1, E Faurout (Fr), 2, G Lemane (Fra): 3, K Davis (GB) and A Miguel (Br) Over-98kg: 1, E Perez (Sp): 2, J Dreytus (Fr): 3, L Crost (Fr) and F Kaurics (Br).

Under-46kg: 1, S Derdétac (Fr); 2, 8 Semens (Ger); 3, A Gradante (Ger) and 8 Bruneau (Fr). Under-52kg: 1, M Fatura (Fr); 2, L Tignole (Fr) and S Patenther (Fr); 3 E Surmmera (GS). Under-56kg: 1, N Flagother (Bel), 2, G. Emecke (Ger), 3, S Porel (Fr) and E Harrichard (Fr). Hatherenz (1-1).
Under-Stieg: 1, A Saiz (Sp), 2, M Cazernove (Fr): 3, X Griffeth (Van) and C Peale (GB) Under-66kg: 1, Y Wansart (Ger); 2, K, Rambak (Fr) and K Powell (GB); 3 R Campos (Br). Under-72up: 1, K Howey (GB); 2, S Bespen (Ger); 3, E San Maguel (Sp) and U Kugmen (Ger) Over-92kg: 1. A Senese (Hoth; 2, J Monte (GB), 3, M Papenhauser (Ger) and E Silve (Br)

PORTMAN (Badbury Rings) Rest 1, Apatura King (T Mitchell, 5-4 (Hav) Hunti 1, Spring Fun (Mass Y Young, 14-1); Ladies 1, Spacial (USA Y Miss M Hall, 1-2 lev) Land Rover Open: 1, Ryming Cuplet GLAMORGAN (St Hilary) Hunt: 1. News Review (Miss J Mathias, 1-5 fav) Con-tined: 1†. Bronze Effigy (R Jones); 1†. GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY FOOTBALL FA Carling Premiership

Arsenal v Tottenham (8.0) BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE; Premier di-vision, Worcester v Dorchester. vision, Worcesier v Dorchester. ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Grays v Carshatton (7 45) First division: Bognor Regis v Barton Rovers. Second division: Croydon v Were.

Coyodon v Ware.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Gussley v Emley; Hyde v Witton.

AVON INSURANCE COMMINATION: Finit division: Bristol City v Luton; Bristol Rovers v Totlenham, pswich v Charlton (et Bury St. Edmunds) Malwall v Brighton (2.0). Portsmouth v Watdord (7.0); West Ham v Queens Park Rangers (7.0). Second division: Chetenham v Bath. Cheannair v Isan.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Berninghern v Bolton (7.0), Blackburn v Newcastle lat Preston North End FC,
7.0). Second division: Asson Villa v
Middlesbrough (7.0), Barnelay v Bradford
(7.0), Lacester v Huddensted (7.0). GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Backwell v Bristol Manor Ferm.

MORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE First division: Citheros v Mossley. OTHER MATCH: Motherwell v Wolve hampton (at Fir Park (Motherwell), 7,45). UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: Water FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final second leg:

CRICKET 11 30 to 6.30, second day of three The Parks: Oxford University v Leicestershire REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Southamp-

ton: (first day of lour) Second XI cha pions (Hampshire) v England under 19.

OTHER SPORT BOWLS: Men's English Indoor champion-ships (Mellon Mowbray). RACING: Musselburgh (2.0): Hexham (2.10). Southwelf (2.20). SPEEDWAY: Premier Leaguer Exeter v Maddieshrough (7:30) Reading v Ordore (7:30): Wowerhampton v Bradford (7:30).

TOMORROW FOOTBALL UEFA CUP: Semi-final second Lect Barcelona (2) v Bayern Munich (2) (8.0), Bordeaux (1) v Slavia Prague (0) FA CAPILING PREMIERSHIP: Everior v

FA CAPLING PREMIERSHIP: Everion v Liverpool (8.0).

BNDILLEISH INSURANCE LEASUE Predivision: Port Vale v Grimsby (7.45); Sunderland v Birmingham (7.45). Weiford v Reading 7.45). Sociond division: Chesterseld v Walsell (7.45), Codord Litid v Notis County (7.45), Wycombe v Rotherlam (7.45). Third division: Cambridge Lifd v Preston (7.45), Colchester v Gillingham (7.45); Hersford v Prymouth; Mansfield v Rochdale (7.45); Colchester v Gillingham (7.45); Hersford v Prymouth; Mansfield v Rochdale (7.45); Kettlenng v Stevenage (7.45); Northwich v Macolessield (7.45); Runcom v Statybridge (7.45); Southport v Morscambe (7.45); Woking v Famborough (7.45); BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Partick v Aberdeen.

FLUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN LEAGUE. First division: Le-nell v Aberavon Second division: Tenby Urd v Ourwant. CLUB MATCH: Crumlin v Cross Keys OTHER SPORT BOWLS: Men's Engish indoor champion-ships (Melton Mowbray) RACING: Newmarket (2.0). Folkestone (1.50): Heshem (2.10).

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WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Nantes (I) v Juventus (2): Paratitiveakos (I) v Ajax (I) (6:30) FA CAPLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa v West Ham (7:45): Blackburn v Wirthlydon (7:45): Manchester Lird v Leeds (8:0), Newsaste v Southampton (7:45): Noting-ham Forest v Coventry (7:45): Sheffield Wednesday v Chelsea (7:45): Sheffield V C Weenessay v Linesses (7 43)

ENDS LEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Leitesser v Oldhem (7.45), Stoke v Chanton (7.45); Trammera v Ipswich Second division: Strewsbury v Wrestsen, Swindon v Burnley (7.45)

RUGBY UNION COURAGE LEAGUE: Pirst division: Leicester v Sale (7.15) CLUB MATCHES: Coversity v Mosaley (7.30); Prestori Grasshappers v Wigan (6.30) WILLIS CORROON SHIELD: Army v RAF (28 Twickenham, 3.0)

CRICKET
UNIVERSITY MATCHES (first day of three): Fenners: Cambridge University v Gernorgan; The Parks' Oxford University v Durham. OTHER SPORT

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL Budwesser League: Championship play-offs: Querter-finals, second leg Sheffield v Worthing (7.30): Leopards v Manchester (8.0)

BOWLS: Men's Engish indoor champion-ships (Melton Mowbray)

RACING: Newmarker (2.0): Portiefract (2.45). Cheffienham (2.20).

SPEEDWAY: Primer League. Hull v Wolverhampton (7.30): Long Eston v Cradley Heath and Stoke (7.30). Poole v Coventry (7.30). THURSDAY FOOTBALL

final second leg: Paris Saint-Germain (1) v Deportivo Coruña (0) (8 0), Rapid Vienna (1) CRICKET COUNTY MATCH (first day of four) Old Trafford Lancashre v Yorkshire.

DTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budweiser League. Chem-pionship play-olfs: Quarter-finals: second leg: London v Thames Valley (8 0); Brimingham v Derby (8.0) BOWLS: Men's English indicar champion-ships (Mellon Mowbray) shps (Meiton Mowbray)
RACING: Newmerlet (2:0): Ripon (2:30).
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SPEDWAY: Premier League: Ipswich v
Hull (7:30), London v Eastpoume (7:30),
Middlestrough v Swindon (7:30), Speedway Star Cup: First round, first legSheffield v Bradford (7:45)

FRIDAY RUGBY UNION UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL: England v France (Bath).

RUGBY LEAGUE Wigan OTHER SPORT BOWLS: Men's English indoor champion-ships (Melton Mowbray). RACING: Newbury (2 10); Thesk (2.15), Avr (2 0) An (2-v) SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Belle Voe v Ipswich (7.30): Oxford v London (7.45); Pelerborough v Long Eaton (7.30).

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

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ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LENGUE: First
division: Derby v Birmingham; Grimsby v
Shelfled Utit; Lecester v Huddersfield; Lution v Wadford, Millwell v Oldham; Norwich v West Bromwelt; Port Vale v Tranmere: Portsmouth v Bamsley; Résading

v Chariton; Southend v Ipswich, Wolverhampton v Crystal Palace, Second division: "Blackpool v Swindon, Bournemouth v Walsall, Bradford v Chesterfield; Brighton v Carlete; Bristol City v Oxford Utid; Crewe v Rotherham; Notis County v Burnley; Peterborough v Bristol Rovers, Strewsbury v Brentford; Stockport v York; Whecham v Hult; Wycombe v Swarzea, Third division: Cardiff v Plymouth; "Darlington v Bury, Doncaster v Barnet; Ereter v Colchester; Fulham v Wigan; Hartlepool v Lincoln; Leyton Chent v Prestor; Mansfield v Hereford, Northampton v Gillingtonn, Rochdale v Scuntinorpe; Scartorough v Cambridge Utid; Torquay v Chester
VALDOALL COM-ERENCE: Altrincham v Hednesdord; Bath y Stevenage, Brorre-

VALDOAALL CONFERENCE: Ahrinchgri v
Hednestord; Beth v Stevenege, Brorregrove v Kettering; Dagenham and Red v
Runcom Famborough v Telford; Helitax v
Wolving; Koderminister v Geteshead,
Slough v Morecombe, Stalybridge v Dover
BELL'S 5COTTISH LEAGUE: Premiter
division; Aberdeen v Hearts; Celfic v
Felicit; Hibernan v Roath; Kilmannock v
Partick, Mothenvell v Rangers. First division: Dunden v Cyddearik, Dunformline
v Dumbartor; Greenock Morton v St.
Johnstone; Hamilton v Dundee Utd, St.
Mirren v Aridle Second division: Berwell
v Strange; Sterhousemur v
Queen Of South. Third division: Alica v
Brechin; Arbroath v Ross County; Caley
This v Alborn. East String v Cowdenbeath,
Queen's Park v Lungston
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CIS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Final:
Gloucestershire v Warwickshire (at
Twickersham)
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(at Twickersham, 12.30).
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division: Waterbell v Northamption
HEINEKSN LEAGUE: First division:
Abersvon v Aberblev (2.30); Cardif v
Newbridge (2.30): Ebbw V38 v Newport
(2.30): Lignell v Pontyprodd (2.30); Swansaa v Neath (2.30). Treocrity v Bridgend
(2.30): Second division: Abercyron v
Pontypoel (2.30); Caerphilly v Terrby Utd
(2.30): Cross Keys v Bonymeen (2.30); Lighteran v Liendovery (2.30); Maesleg v
South Wales Police (2.30), Yshradgynteis v
Dunkart (2.30); Lighteran V Sardywise v
Ounkart (2.30); Sardywen v St Mary's
College (2.30); Sargyowen v St Mary's
College (2.30); Lansdown v Bolymena
(2.30); Young Murster v Old Wessey (2.30),
Second division: Bactive Rangers v
Majone (2.30), Ciontaf v NiFC (2.30),
Greystones v Terenure Col (2.30)
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RUGBY LEAGUE STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Costleford CRICKET TETLEY'S SHIELD (first day of four): Chelmstord England A v The Rest. UNIVERSITY MATCHES (first day of three) Fenner's: Cambridge University v Derbystree The Parks: Oxford University v Middlesex

OTHER SPORT BOWLS: Men's English indoor champion ships (Melion Mowbray). ships (Metion Mowbray)
BODING: British welterwood's champjornship: Joe Calzaghe (Weles, holder) v
Mark Deloney (Wost Haml (Brentwood)
SNOOKER: Enricessy World Champjornship (Chuchlo Theories, Sneffeld)
RACING: Newbury (2.0), Thirsk (2.15),
Ascot (5.15); Ayr (1.55); Bangor (2.10),
Stretford (5.30)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League Coventry v
Betle Vuo (7.30), Enrithoume v Ipswich
(7.30), Swindon v Welverhampion (7.30)
Speedway Stor Cup First round, second
leg, Bradford v Shoffled (7.30)

SUNDAY FOOTBALL Kick-off 3 0 unless stated ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Sunderland v Sloke division: Sunderland v Stoke ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE SOX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT (Birmingham Indoor

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STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Halitex v St
Helero (6 30), Leeds v Shelfield; London v
Workington; Warrington v Paris First
division: Batiety v Huddersfield (5 30); Hull
v Widnes (3 19); Rochdale v Dewisbury;
Warkefield v Saltra (3.30); Whitehaven v
Festiverstone (3 30); Second division;
Carlsie v Bramley; Chorley v Hut K R;
Hunsel v York (3.30); Lorgh v Prescot:
South Wales v Doncastor (at Talbot Athletic
Ground, 6 0); Swinton v Barrow (6 30)
CRICKET CRICKET COUNTY MATCH (one day): Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League:
Scottish Claymores v Barcalona (Murrayleid: 3 (1) field, 3.0) field, 3.0)
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BASKETBALL: Buthleser Leegule: Champointship play-olfs Cuerter-finels, trad leg,
(a required): London v Themes Valley (2.0),
Sheffield v Worthing (5.15), Birmingham v
Denby (6.15): Loopards v Mignichestor (5.0). BOWLS: Men's English Indoor champion-ships (Mellon Mowbray).
MOTOR SPORT: RAC Touring Car championship (Brands Histor).
SNOOKER: Embassy World Champ-onship (Crucible Theatre, Shelfield).

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TENNIS: LTA women's safetile tournament (Edinburgh).

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Overbury sets standard with victory in valuable Hong Kong event

Godolphin clocks on for new season

MES MEANDAY APRILES

SNOOKER

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AS NEWMARKET'S big battalions fine-tune their classic candidates before this week's trials, word will have spread like wildfire that Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin operation is already up and

The stable picked up where it left off last season when Overbury, ridden by Frankie Dettori, landed the Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha Tin, Hong Kong, yesterday. Such triumphs have become almost commonplace but the real business starts when 45 Godolphin horses arrive in Newmarket on April 28. Thus will commence the

game within a game. Alhaarth and Mark Of Esteem, Blue Duster and Bint Shadayid: the Maktoums's Godolphin-trained horses pitted against the same family's thoroughbreds trained in Britain. Last year there was only one winner, Overbury's victory suggests that racegoers will be seduced once again by the desert team. However, Simon Crisford. Godolphin's racing manager, played down talk of another barnstorming summer with low-key accounts of the recent trials in Dubai. The chances are that Crisford was merely keeping a tight grip on hype. He is, though, keenly looking

ments of its lightly-raced That is why Godolphin's training strategy fully em-braces the stopwatch. We have a good understanding of the track at Al Quoz," Cristord said, "and we can compare the times recorded by Moonshell and Vettori in training last year. The sand surface is

2.00 1, Senor B Setrutti-(2-1); 2, Cell & A Day (4-7 fav); 3, Milo Soy (100-1), 4 ran.

4,45 1, Little Martina (71-4 tav); 2, King's Treasure (100-30); 3, Birchail Boy (33-1).

Jackpot: £82,487.80 (0.39 winning tickets; pool of £70,889.85 carried forward to Southwell today).

v v CJ VVILA'.

1.50 1, Bethynouche (9-4); 2, Woman Ot Wi (2-1 lay); 3, Molly Music (11-2), 5 nm. NR. Ledy Growelair

2.20 1, Secret Voucher (11-4 fev); 2, Moritrestar (12-1); 3, Lady Caroline Lemb (11-2); 4, Tymeria (10-1), 16 nm. NR. Beeny, Dancing Jack.

2.50 1, Northern Caladon (7-2 lav); 2, Kingdhip Boy (9-2), 3, Bad News (33-1), 14 latt.

3.20 1, Sorble Tower (7-2 fev), 2, Proud Mosk (5-1), 3, Quality (11-1), 15 ran, NR: Son And Germ

3.50 1, Purple Spiesh (4-1 (av); 2, Kades-trof (8-1); 3, See Freedom (12-1). 12 ran

4.30 1, Alpine Twist (9-1); 2, Speed On (9-2); 3, Smithersens (11-8 lav). 16 ran.

7.00 1, Jump The Lights (4-1): 2, Sectorigh (8-11 lav); 3, Nordac Haro (10-1).

8.00 1. Little tonr (7-2 (x-tav); 2. Lady Shariff (7-2 (x-tav); 3, Dasco Boy (4-1), 7 ran.

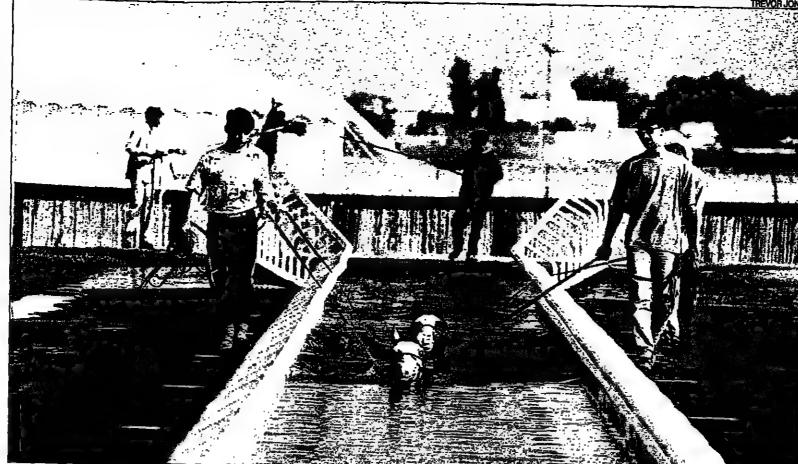
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forward to a season that

opens with Godolphin know-

ing little about the racing



Thoroughbreds enjoy a swim at Sheikh Mohammed's Al Quoz stables in Dubai, where the detailed training regime produces outstanding results

know exactly where we are with each horse." Guesswork is wholly absent

from all aspects of Godolphin's programme. The date. April 11, when the classic prospects were galloped hard was established many months ago. It is precisely 17 days from the string's departure to Newmarket. The route worked well for us last year," Cristord explained.

"It means we have the opportunity to do two more

9.00 1, Sweet Amonet (8-1); 2, Sheles Dream (25-1); 3, Loch Style (9-2), Eurobox Boy 5-4 lav. 11 ran. 8.30 1, lock (8-1), 2, Swordking (8-4 lav); 3, Durham (8-1), 9 ran.

2.00 1, Joviel Man (7-2 ji-lav); 2, Spring Grans (14-1); 3, Lonadowne (6-1). Sherifatur 7-2 ji-lav 15 ran, NPC Browned

3.35 1, Abbey Street (7-4 tev). 2, Yubralee (4-1); 3, Asking (20-1). 10 ran

(4-1); 3, Marius (13-2); 2, Fourth in Lane (9-4); 3, Hold Your Ranies (7-2), World-Express 2-1 law 8 rsn. 4.40 1, Ami El Ami (5-4 fav); 2, Benjamin Lancester (20-1); 3, James The First (13-8), 5 rsn. NR: Caspian Belugs, Deer Do, Evening Rain.

1.45 1, Thansis (50-1). 2, Clessic Creet (10-1); 3, German Lagend (7-1). Saught 8on 11-10 tav. 8 ran.

2.16 1, Russian Cestis (10-11 tay); 2, Andros Gale (3-1); 3, The Energiser (14-1). 7 ran. NR: Maschievous Girl.

2.45 1, Gienugia (5-2 fav); 2, Utita Bromley (5-1); 3, Vai De Rama (10-1). 8 ran.

Sedgefield

Newton Abbot

bits of work with our runners for the Guineas meeting. As soon as we get to Newmarket on April 28, we have to wipe a whole week from our calendar. The horses won't work in the week leading up to the classics. They must be race-fit

when they leave Dubai."

The whole regimen is played out in front of Sheikh Mohammed, who is involved on a daily basis. His mout goes way beyond watching work and selecting race tar-

racehorses is more

often about disap-

pointment than success. At

Eydon Hall Stud, we have

been lucky enough to have

bred and raised a number of good ones. Barathea, Mark-

ofdistinction and Bequest are

among the group one win-

ners produced on the farm

but Bosra Sham is potential-

Judgment day arrives at

Newbury on Friday, when

for the 1.000 Guineas.

gets. He monitors the quality of hay, assesses each horse's condition and takes part in good-natured squabbling over diets and other routine matters around the yard.

Visits to the stable during quiet times of the day require you to tiptoe down the barns while talking in whispers. Culling the string from 85 to 45 for the Newmarket trip is described by Crisford as a brutal process from which only the best emerge.

perform at the highest level. If not a guarantee, it is always a help. She is by

Woodman out of Korveya,

who has already bred two French classic winners in

Hector Protector and Shang-

hai. In her youth she was

clearly the pick of the foals at

GERALL

LEIGH

As for the likely stars, Crisford is a reluctant soothsayer. Even after the muchpublicised trials he insists a lot can change in the next three not the be all and end all," he said. "There is time for Mark Of Esteem and Bint Shadayid to improve Pricket [an Oaks candidate was disappointing, as was Russian Revival, but he has worked better than he

showed that day." Others for whom expecta-

portent for a successful racing career. Yet soon there

were reports of her prowess.

It usually pays to temper

such enthusiasm but Bosra

Sham did not disappoint.

She followed her winning

debut at Newbury by nun-

ning away with the group one Fillies Mile at Ascot.

Should Bosra Sham make

it to Newmarket, the experi-

ence will be extreme to say

the least. I remember what

happened when Ahead, my

first classic runner, took part

in the 1990 Oaks. The start

was delayed, and all that had

gone before played on my

Here was a filly I had bred

and raised, out of a mare I

had also bred and raised.

mind like a drowning man.

Classic dreams of a breed apart

tions rose were Mick's Love and Helicon. Don Micheletto. described by the sheikh as a possible French 2,000 Guineas colt, also moved well. Of the two-year-olds, two fillies attracting his attention are Hamasaat and Manuetti.

If it remains anyone's guess which will prove the best of them, there seems little doubt Godolphin will unveil something to capture the racing world's attention by the sum-

ness. He came along by

chance. His mother's intend-

ed mate suffered an accident.

so she was covered by

Known Fact. The plan was to sell Markofdistinction but he

injured a knee and was

retained to race in my colours

by default. He became cham-

came Barathea, who won the

1994 Breeders' Cup Mile.

Could there ever be another

moment like it? Could it get

better? Indeed, should one

even try? Barathea became a

champion miler, out of a

family Eydon Hall has nur-

the early reports are promis-

ing. Bosra Sham is about to be tested at the highest level.

A new racing season brings with it new bopes. More

often than not, it ends in

disappointment. Should

Bosra Sham fail, aspiration

will turn once again to the

two-year-olds being broken

and conditioned; the 'year-

lings with their problems of

development. Then there are

this year's foals. Success is

Barathea now has foals;

tured for many years.

After Markofdistinction

pion miler of Europe.

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 DON PEPE (nap).

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tavouche in tatest race). Going on which horse has won (F — Arm, good to farm, hard. 6 — good 5 — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in tractets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any altowance.

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2.00 BELFRY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,529: 51) (5 runners)

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4.30 MUSSELBURGH SPRING HANDICAP

THE STAME OF THUNDERER

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.40 WHITE DIAMOND. Cerl Evans: 4.10 Quayside Cottage.

2.10 ELDON SQUARE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,889: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 runners)

2.40 ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP CHASE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

3.15 1, Spring Cell (6-1); 2, Bowlands Country (16-1); 3, Barnstomer (66-1). Knucklebuster Brens fav. 12 mm. NR: Bellyalia Castle 8.45 1, Go Silly (7-2): 2, Grand Scenery [7-2), S, The Green Fool (12-1). Uron V 2-1 fav. 6 nan. fav. 6 nan. 4,15 1, Just Frankle (7-4 tax); 2, Trasidder (7-2); 3, Flash Of Resim (15-8), 5 ran. 4,45 1, Durald (12-1); 2, Blood Brother (7-1), 3, Southern Cross (10-11 tax), 14 ran.

Point-to-point results, page 34

Bosra Sham reappears in the Fred Darling Stakes. Seven months of expectation will condense into a moment of hard galloping and the outcome will determine whether she deserves to be favourite

Breeding racehorses became both a passion and a business 30 years ago. It remains an imprecise art, yet expectations for Bosra Sham were high from the day she was foaled. She was originally named Quercifolia, al-though Wafic Said reregistered her after buying her at the yearling sales. He paid 530,000 guineas, but I still think of her as mine. There is no doubt Bosra

Racing commentary

Evdon Hall, It proved impossible to pass without stopping to lean over the fence and dream about her future. When she left the farm for the auction ring in 1994, she fulfilled our expectations when she became the most expensive yearling sold in Europe. Ironically, to judge by the fortunes of previous

Carl Evens: 2.20 Colonial Kelly.

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

CHASE (£2,912: 2m) (10)

CHASE (£3,452: 3m 110yd) (9)

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

(Amateurs: £1,133: 3m 110yd) (11 nunners)

Many from the family were in the paddocks at Eydon Hall. Their pedigrees would be much enhanced if Ahead could win. She finished a

respectable fifth behind Salsabil and I wondered how long it would be before Eydon Hall produced another classic runner. Breeding horses teaches you to take nothing for granted.

In many ways, Markof- the reward; failure the spur.

3.50 HARRY BISSALL MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,818: 2m 4f 110yd) (12) HILD-THY HAMBHEAP CHASE, (£3,578; 270 417 110/01) (12)
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407 -814 CRAFTY CHARLAN 25 (CD,F6,5) D McCarth 19-11-3 D McCarth
408 442-1 REMA 285 (F6,5) Meet Hingit 9-10-11 ... M A PERSING 91
409 22-11 MCMRSL 17 (C,F6) T Foreite (1-10-11 ... M S McGarth 91
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412 1862 BAVARD BRY 7 (B,5) 6 Bayest 12-10-0 ... R Parsint 79 4-1 Little Tom, 5-1 Early Dicher, Houghl, 6-1 Boston Rover, Saliar Jan, 8-1 Regar, 10-1 offuss.

4.20 BLACK AND TAN NATIONAL HUNT HOVICES HURDLE (£2,679: 2m 4f 110yd) (14)

6-4 Gysert, 9-4 Who Am I, 7-1 Loftian Commander, 12-1 Belle Baroness, 14-1 Cottage John, 16-1 Gaelle Blue, 20-1 others.

4.50 FOX SELLING HURDLE (\$2,218: 2m) (14) 2-1 Vallent Tools, 5-1 Lawresmood Junior, 6-1 Mative Chieftan, 8-1 Tony's Mast, 14-1 Sphan Satre, Kar's Rose, Biotoli, 16-1 olders

5.20 BORDER MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE

3-1 Habasha, 4-1 Fon Terrior, 6-2 Kadari, Persistent Gunner, 6-1 Tomayesteligm. Daily Sport Gri, 16-1 Pollydalus, 20-1 others

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2.10 The Stitcher. 2.40 White Diamond. 3.10 Colorful Ambition. 3.40 Soethius. 4.10 Quayside Cottage. 4.40 Primitive Heart. 5.10 Madge McSplash.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

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3.10 HIGH FRIARS HANDICAP HURDLE

(22,303; ZTD) (6)

1 0221 COLORRIA, AMBITION 8 (F) Mrs A Switchenk 6-11-10. J. Reithon
2 3202 ERRY 17 (0.5) J. Outen 7-10-11. E. Callaghtan (5)
3 2106 SHREMO JOHN 6 (0.5) R Woodhouse 10-10-10. M. Dwyer
4 -001 R.DMTLOCK 9 (f) H Alexandra 6-10-7. R McGrath (7)
5 7203 SILVER SLEEVE 7 (8) M Hammond 4-10-0. Mr C Bosens (3)
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6 -000 CASUAL PASS 14 (10.5, E.S.) L. Lungh 13-10-0. F Penrat
7 (7) ROS CADEAUX PREMIERE 17 (20.5) D Smits 5-10-0. R Burna (7)
8 5-PP TOLL BOOTH 42 (5) J. Organon 1-10-0. B Harding 2 Schurter Ambition, 7-2 Entry. Silver Steene. 7-1 Firstlock, 10-1 others.

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HERHAM: Trainers: J Edwards, 4 witners from 12 names, 33.3%; L Lugg. 17 from 53, 27.0%; Demys Smith, 7 from 35, 20.0%; H Lugg. 17 from 53, 15.9%; W 6 head, 9 from 59, 15.3%; Jocksys: Johnson, 11 from 65, 16.9%; W 6 head, 9 from 59, 15.3%; Jocksys: J N Bentley, 16 witners from 59 index, 30.0%; P Niver, 21 from 62, N Bentley, 16 witners from 50 index, 30.0%; P Niver, 21 from 62, 25.0%; J Burte, 4 from 21, 19%; B Handley, 6 from 38, 15.8%. N Tanider, 5 from 18, 27.8%; J Leiph, 4 B Lievellyn, 3 from 8, 37.5%; N Tanider, 5 from 18, 27.8%; J Leiph, 4 Hughes, 3 womers from 6 index, 50.0%; Mr J Lievellyn, 5 from 15, 25.7%; D Machalson, 5 from 21, 23.8%; J Leiph, 4 Hughes, 3 womers from 6 index, 50.0%; Mr J Lievellyn, 23.1%; S Wyrna, 19 from 107, 17.8%.

3.40 SHOPPERS NOVICES CHASE (£3,125: 2m 110yd) (11)

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1 12-0 ST ELMO'S FRE 41 (F) Miss L Russell 11-11-8 ... I Transland
2 6504 BOETHUS 17 F Walton 7-11-1 ... 8 Severy
3 P-PP CARDINAL SEMER 17 (8) J Wate 7-11-1 ... 8 Severy
4 P22P CROFTON LAKE 121 (8) J Doon 8-11-1 ... F Petral
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8 5-00 TROPHENAD 50 P Sportswood 8-11-1 ... P Wangson
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7-2 SI Emm's Fig. 5-1 Maccontachia, 11-2 Boethias, 6-1 Over The Island, 7-1
Crotica Life, Kiriguns Darcer, 10-1 To Be The Best, 12-1 others.

4.10 CHEVY CHASE MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,114: 3m 1f) (9)

2-1 Admission, 7-2 Americus, 4-1 Across The Card, 5-1 Companie Cottage, 7-1 Stimodo, 12-1 Wire Lass, 20-1 others. 4,40 retailers maiden open national hunt FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,312: 2m) (13) | RAGE (UV 1: E1,372 2m) (13) | 9 90HS 8ROOK 37 R Alan 5-11-5 | 5 Mairosa (7) | 9 COOLTON Hall 72 J Wade 5-11-5 | K Jones 15 Dangle BOOD 12 S 60HBB (8-11-6 | P Mice 16 Dangle BOOD 12 S 60HBB (8-11-6 | P Mice 17) | 10 RUM RESEL 28 F Waden 5-11-6 | J Davidson (7) | 10 RUM RESEL 28 F Waden 5-11-6 | J Walen S PECTRE J Oliver 5-11-6 | B Storty SPECTRE J Oliver 5-11-6 | B Storty 17 JUC LIBE 6 Moore 4-11-0 | P Carborry 19 ROBERT THE BRANK 22 (V) J J Gallegran 2 PRIMITIVE HEART 7 H Johnson 4-11-0 | M Resetta (7) | 9 ARRY S BOT 4-10-9 | N Resetta (7) | 9 ARRY S BOT 4-10-9 | N Resetta (7) | 9 ARRY S BOT 4-10-9 | N Storty 19 ARRY S BOT 4-10-9 | N Resetta (7) | 9 ARRY S BOT 4-10-9 | N Storty 19 ARRY S BOT 4-10-9 | N Storty 19 ARRY S BOT 4-10-9 | N Storty 19 ARRY S D Brand Wand War William 15-1 Brand Wand War Wand 15-1 Brand Wand War Wan 15-1 Brand Wand War Wan 15-1 Brand Wand War Wan 15-1 Brand Wan 15-1 2-1 Provider Heart, 5-1 Dingle Wood, War Whoop, 8-7 Books Book, 10-1 Robert The Bose, Joe Luke, 20-1 others.

5.10 RETAILERS MAIDEN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,301: 2m) (12) B THE CIRC J Cloud 5-11-6. L Ware FASTERI HOW E Adm 5-11-6. S Marcola (7) SMARCOLA (7) CO LISTERIOV SOLUTION 5-11-6. MRS C Metcals (7) CO LISTERIOV SOLUTION 5-11-6. W By CO PHANAMENTOS SO MES A Solution 5-11-6. J Robbert S. Lingson SELECTRUE J Wasts 5-11-6. K. Jones
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THUNDERER 2.20 Colonial Kelly, 2.50 Salman, 3.20 Knockay 3.50 Little Tom. 4.20 Gysart. 4.50 Sylvan Sabre. 5.20 Daily Sport Girl.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.20 Fen Terrier.

2.20 JACK RUSSELL NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE

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S-2 Columbia Kelly, S-1 Final Hope, 7-2 Beau Dandy, 7-1 A Windy Citizen, 8-1 Tyrther's Boy, 16-1 Vidican Star, Phil'y Dream, 20-1 others.

2.50 NORFOLK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP

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3.20 EVANS HALSHAW FORD TRANSIT NOVICES

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Schoolboy referee asserts his authority over men twice his age

Pupil takes charge on rugby field

THE woman who answered the telephone in Ben Chapelard's dormitory could not hide her enthusiasm for the school's new prodigy. "He's a very talented young man," she said, the enthusiasm dripping from her voice. "He is doing his A levels here at Sir Roger Manwood School and he speaks two languages."

Chapelard's bilingualism and

academic prowess are indeed most worthy, but his greatest distinction and the reason for his celebrity status at school, is his skill as a rugby referee.

At 19, he is the youngest referee on the Kent Society books. This Saturday, he faces his biggest test the second XVs of two clubs in London II. For a 19-year-old who



trying to command respect from men twice his age must be enormous, but Chapelard is

"I might be only 19, but out there they call me Sir," he said. "You have to take control. Refer-ees have got to have leadership qualities. The first excuse that arises for blowing up, I do. I use it to assert myself."

Chapelard started refereeing after deciding that he would not progress significantly as a player. After acquiring the Rugby Football Union preliminary coaching award, he wrote to Twickenham to inquire about refereeing courses, and the school contacted the Kent Referee Society. It had no reservations about him refereeing despite his tender years and, 18 months ago, he signed up for a Pilkington young referees course. The programme involved him successfully officiating ten 15-aside games over a three-month period, as well as acting as a touch judge in an adult match. He also sat an examination in



Chapelard sharpens his refereeing skills during a match at Sir Roger Manwood School, where he is an A-level student

which he had to solve 100 theoretical situations in 40 minutes. His score of 87.5 was the secondhighest in the country on that paper. He then began his refereeing career in earnest.

The first game I ever refereed was at school," he said. "Our under-14s played and, although I was new to it, it wasn't difficult because it was all one-way traffic. so it was easy to referee. The hardest games are the ones which are closer. I've also found that it's much harder to referee your own age-group than it is to referee adults. Adults eventually just put up with me, children take longer to learn.

Chapelard is keen to assert himself as a "no-nonsense" referee and thinks that his ability to spot and deal with foul play is one of his biggest strengths.

possible for me to cop out on foul play," he said. "You need to be a disciplinarian in this game. Too many referees are so keen to make it an attractive game that they let some things go.
"A good referee is fair and

consistent. Players say that consistency is the most important thing of all. I think a good referee is someone who can adapt his refereeing to the game while staying fair so that, at the end of the game, everyone can come off the field having enjoyed it.

"I view myself as the 31st playmaker, but the players are in charge of the game — everything I do is in response to them. I

suppose I'm like an A-level examiner. The players write the game and I go and mark it - correct it where it's gone wrong.

Chapelard's sophisticated insight and analysis of the art of refereeing has earned him considerable respect in the sport. He has been told that he has an inbuilt authority that earns him immediate attention, and he has an ability to assess the game that is rare in someone so young.
"When I referee, I try to ensure

enjoyment for all, respect for the opposition and gentlemanly con-duct," he said. "I make sure that no one is stupid, and that the game is played with the right spirit -- for example, players clapping each other off the field.
"Players just don't realise how

hard it is to referee. They don't realise that you have good days and bad days like they do. It's also hard at first because refereeing is all about opinion, which puts a lot of pressure on you. For example, a few weeks ago, I sent someone off and it ruined my weekend. The player concerned had broken someone's nose. I looked confident, and people said that I did the right thing, but I still found it

Chapelard rates Derek Bevan and Ed Morrison as two of the referees whom he admires most. and his twin goals are to referee with Bevan's no-nonsense approach and have a crack at his record of having refereed more internationals than any other

Memory of lows eclipsed by highs



Global Challenge

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Lucy Duncan, the winner of one of two berths reserved by The Times on the BT berths reserved by The Times on the BT Global Challenge, describes her first training sail, and the good and bad moments of life at sea, as she prepares for the start of the 30,000-mile yacht race. Her lack of a yachting background does little to deter her from the rigours that await in what promises to be a stern struggle against the prevailing winds and currents.

easickness was not something that had crossed my mind. Childhood memories of holidays on the ferry to the Isles of Scilly are of everyone else being sick but not me. I was thus feeling pretty smug last week when I volunteered to go below on board the BT Global Challenge training yacht, to sort out a sail change. Luckily, the "heads" (toilet) is right next to the sail locker, succumbed like everyone else.

My four-day "induction sail" was an eye-opener and a big step forward in my preparations for the race, which starts from Southampton in September when 14 identical yachts will set sail on what, for all of us, will be the adventure of a lifetime. On board in Plymouth, I found myself part of a motley collection of other "late starters". One of my biggest tears had been that my tack of sailing experience would make me a liabil-ity on a 67-foot racing yacht. This does not seem to be the case, with a

lot of people on the same steep learning curve as me.

The first two days at sea were perfect, light winds giving us the ideal opportunity to get to know the boat. We were also introduced to the "man overboard" drill, which inoverboard in the first place". Judged by the time it took our novice crew to pick up our "man" — a flag, not a human — the rule is a sound one.

Having been luiled into a false sense of security for the first two days, the third brought the reality of rough weather. The wind reached force five - a mere breeze compared to what we are going to get in the Southern Ocean — but it rendered breakfast superfluous.

One feilow crew, Paul, was not as lucky as I had been in the sail locker. While sitting in a fold in the mainsail, trying to attach a rope to the boom, he inquired of the skipper if this was a good place to be sick. The reply in the negative was too late.

I found managing the huge winches very tiring. A few months ago a

midwifery colleague, noticing my rather puny arms, suggested that press-ups should be part of my preparation for "the world's toughest yacht race". I wish I had taken her advice. It was not until trying to change gear on the drive home that I realised just how stiff my arms were.

There was a general sigh of relief when we retreated behind the breakwater at Plymouth harbour after our last day's sailing. I have never appreciated a hot shower so much, though I fear these will be in short supply in the Roaring Forties,
Lesley, another of the crew,
summed it up by comparing it to



Duncan: "going back for more"

having a baby — particularly apt given my experiences delivering hundreds of them. At the time, you think "never again" but, when it is over, you remember only the good things and, before you know it, you decide to do it again.

Martin Ley, the training skipper, told us that sailing is always like this.

The highs are high and the lows are grim, but the highs make it worthwhile. During our week, the highs were fantastic watching a total lunar eclipse from the Fal estuary, the feeling of companionship with people I had known for four days. and the fulfilment of having done some real ocean sailing — albeit only ten miles from Plymouth. I will definitely be going back for more.

Court of Appeal

Law Report April 15 1996

Court of Appeal

When facts were known for action

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord [Judgment April 2]

Section 14A of the Limitation Act 1980, inserted by section 1 of the plicable to a negligence claim not nvolving personal injuries where the relevant facts were not known at the date the cause of action accrued, provided by subsection (4)(a) one overall time limit in which the claim could be brought. and an extension of that primary period if the provisions of subsection (4)(b) were applicable.

Accordingly, where a claimant as a defendant to the action after expiry of the primary period but before expiry of the secondary period in subsection (4)(b), the court had jurisdiction to order a trial by way of preliminary issue in respect of any challenge or dispute by the other party as to whether the plaintiff did or did not have the

requisite knowledge.
The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of the plaintiff, Susan Margaret Busby, against the dismissal by Mr Justice Auld on December 19, 1994, of her appeal Vincent in Truro District Registry on August 26 to set aside his ow order of April II granting the and statement of claim to add Mr defendant to the action.

The plaintiff began proceedings in October 1992 and claimed, as freehold owner of a dwelling in Camborne, Cornwall, purchased in November 1986, damages against the first defendant, Mr M. S. Cooper, a mining archivist, for negligent advice and/or breach of contract in respect of a concrete analysis report he made in Octobe 1986 prior to her purchase, and against the second defendant, Abbey National pic, that they negligently recommended the first endant as a suitable specialist.

Regina v Westminster City

Council, Ex parte Benniche

A homeless person with priority

need and who was a devout

Muslim had not established a local

connection with Westminster, for

the purposes of sections 61 and 67

of the Housing Act 1985, because of

his wish to be able to attend

regularly, preferably on a daily

basis, the Central London Mosque

The Court of Appeal (Lord

Justice Nourse, Lord Justice

Schiemann and Sir Ralph Gibson)

so held on March 20 upholding Mr Justice Dyson's refusal in Novem-

ber 1995 of Mr Kamal Benniche's

application for judicial review of

the decision of Westminster City

Council to reject his claim to have a

and to be near a Muslim school.

Nothing turned on the claim against the first two defendants. The primary period of limitation

expired in November 1992. The plaintiff applied in April 1994 to amend her claim by adding the third defendant on the allegation that he negligently advised the second defendant in October 1986 that the first defendant's report the second defendant granting a She claimed the starting date for

section I4A nurposes was May 1991 when she first acquired the requisite knowledge, and thus she could avail herself of the secondary period in subsection (4)(b). The Court of Appeal agreed to assume that service of the amended pleadings on the third defendant was effected before ex-

piry of the secondary period. Mr Stephen Lowry for the plaintiff: Mr Ian Holtum for the

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that Mr Justice Auld had held that stipulated two time limits and that defendant was outside the primary limitation period, which had exsection 35(3) of the 1980 Act.

Joinder of the defendant would deprive him of the primary limitaprocedure for the plaintiff was to start proceedings against him in a separate action.
His Lordship said that the note

to section 14A(4) in The Supreme Court Practice 1995 (volume 2 p1878) correctly stated that the section had been inserted by the 1986 Act to avoid the injustice which might occur where a cause of action accrued by reason of the existence of damage without the plaintiff being aware of it, and the lapse of the primary limitation period would ordinarily bar the right to bring an action. The final paragraph of the note

in The Supreme Court Practice the question whether the plaintiff

housing application was referred

SCHIEMANN said that before

moving to Elmbridge the applicant and his wife attended the mosque

at least once a day and at weekends. They wanted their

children to attend the Islamia

section 61 of the 1985 Act was

considered in R v Eastleigh BC, Ex

The judge rightly decided that the council was manifestly entitled

to its view that the applicant, able

to visit the mosque, although not

living in Elmbridge, had no local

parte Betts [[1983] 2 AC 613].

"Local connection", defined in

School in Brent.

No local connection

did or did not have the requisite knowledge turned on disputed questions of fact, the issue should be tried either at trial or by way of preliminary Issue: Iron Trades Mutual Insurance Co Ltd v J. K.

Buckenham Ltd ([1990] 1 All ER

His Lordship accepted Mr Lowry's construction of section [4A(4) as laying down one overall time limit, since it was quite clear that subparagraph (b) expressly identified an extension of the primary limitation period laid down in subparagraph (a), which only came into operation if it expired later than the primary period. That was also consistent with the wording of section 14A(3) which referred to applicable period in the

Mr Holtum, however, relied strongly on the interrelation between section 35(1) and (3): by virtue of section 35(1) leave to amend, if allowed, would result in automatic relation back to the date when the action commenced (Octoudice the third defendant on any

Welsh Development Agency Redpath Dorman Long Ltd (1094) I WLR 1409, 1423, 1425, held that where a plaintiff had such an advantage leave to amend should

not be granted. However, the note in The Su-preme Court Practice 1995 was wrong and the court did not have jurisdiction to order a trial of a preliminary issue on the question

of date of knowledge. The Court of Appeal in the Welsh Development case (at p1423) categorised section 35(3) as man-datory. Thus the plaintiff's only proper course was to start afresh. Mr Lowry relied on the Court of Appeal decision in Davies v Reed Stock & Co Ltd and Another ((unreported), July 26, 1984), which he submitted bore a close similarity to the present case, and vindicated the note in The Supreme

whether the action was of was not France SA

His Lordship said that the key to the apparent inconsistency be-tween the two cases was that, until granted, there was no question of any amendment and therefore no relation back under section 35(1) or

any application of section 35(3). As in the Davies case, leave to amend would not be in issue until resolution of the question of the date of knowledge. The point was not addressed in the Welsh Development Agency case, nor did any question of ordering trial of a preliminary issue arise.

There was no inconsistency between the cases and his Lordship had no hesitation in following the Davies case and holding that there was jurisdiction to order trial of a preliminary issue as to the date of

the requisite knowledge.

His Lordship accepted that in

Home v David Brown Tractors

(Retail) Ltd ([1901] 4 All ER 30) the Court of Appeal stressed there was a distinction to be drawn in the limitation field between adding a new party to an existing action and

starting a fresh action. Nevertheless, for the reasons already given it was highly de-strable that the case against all three defendants should be in one action and it would be deplorable that the plaintiff should embark on the cumbersome course of issuing

fresh proceedings. The proper place for the pro-posed defendant to challenge the plaintiff on the date of knowledge should have been at the inte partes hearing before the district

Mr Lowry accepted that he could still seek an order for trial of a preliminary issue if a prompt application was made and should he be successful he would not be ioined in the plaintiff's action. Lord Justice Ward and Lord

Solicitors: Waller Hart

Time in jail abroad

Justice Schiemann gave concurring judgments. Court Practice 1995 as to the court's jurisdiction to direct a Mepham, Camborne: S. J. Cor-Mr Justice Carnwath so held in

Regina v Curtis Howard Discretionary life prisoners who had served time in custody in a foreign jurisdiction awaiting extradition should be entitled to have that period taken into account in specifying the tariff period under

the Criminal Justice Act 1991. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Otton, Mr Justice McKinnon and Mr Justice Keene) so held in a reserved judgment on March 18 when reducing the tariff period specified under section 34 of the 1991 Act of the discretionary life sentence for manslaughter passed on Curtis Howard at Lewes Crown Court

(Mr Justice Hidden) from seven to LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that the appeal related solely to

in custody abroad awaiting extradition to the United Kingdom should be taken into account when specifying the relevant period under section 34 of the 1991 Act in relation to a discretionary life

it would be wrong in principle to abroad to be deducted from the tariff period specified on the ground that the appellant had made "an impudent attempt" isee R v Scalise and Rachel ((1985) 7 Cr extradition by making a number of applications and appeals while in custody in the USA.

Accordingly their Lordships concluded that the appropriate order was to allow 12 of the 27 months. Boss Group Ltd v Boss

Before Lord Instice Russell, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice [Judgment April 2]

A plaintiff who, although denying the existence of a contract, sought declaratory relief in England against a defendant domiciled in another convention state, could establish a good arguable case that there were "matters relating to a contract" so as to satisfy one of the essential prerequisites for jurisdic-tion under article 5(1) of the Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judg-ments in Civil and Commercial

to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, by relying on the defendant's own assertion that a contract existed between the The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs. Boss

Group Ltd. against the dismissal by Mr Justice Garland on April 12, 1995 of their appeal against Master Eyre's dismissal on March 21, 1995 of their action for declaratory relief against the delendants, Boss France SA.

Article 5 provides: "A person domiciled in a contracting state may, in another contracting state, be sued: - (1) In matters relating to

Relying on defendant's assertion place of performance of the obligation in question...' Mr David Donaldson, OC and

Mr Adrian Briggs for the plain-

tiffs: Mr Thomas Lowe for the LORD JUSTICE SAVILLE said that in July 1994 the defendants commenced proceedings in France against the plaintiffs for breach of an exclusive distributorship and

obtained an order requiring the plaintiffs to continue to supply them with equipment. In September 1994 the plaintiffs served an English writ on the defendants seeking, inter alla, a declaration that there was and had been no contract of distributorship between themselves and the

The defendants issued a summons to set aside or stay the English proceedings, disputing the court's special jurisdiction under article 5(1) of the Brussels Convention.

The French proceedings were of a provisional kind so that the French courts were not "first seised" of the matter so as to require other convention states to decline jurisdiction. It was no answer to a claim for

the respondent asserted that no see Effer v Kantner (1982) ECR 825). The word "contract" could not was unchallengeable or unchallenged. There were "matters relating to a contract" in the present case. It was true that the plaintiffs asserted that no such contract existed, but the defendants asserted the contrary: that did not make article 5(1)

Article 5(1) was not confined to actions to enforce a contract or to obtain recompense for its breach to 'matters relating to a contract". The defendants submitted that

assertions were not enough: that the plaintiffs had to satisfy the court that there was a good arguable case that the essential prerequisites for furisdiction ex-isted: and that since the plaintiffs daimed there was no contract it followed that they could not fulfil

His Lordship agreed with the premises on which that argument was based but the conclusion did Article 5(1) allowed a party to be

sued in matters relating to a contract in the courts for the place of performance of the obligation in question. That party in the present case was the defendant company. It was illogical and wrong for that party to assert that there was a contract and that the plaintiffs had broken It, which the defendants had done in France, relying on article 5(1), while simultaneously

established a good arguable case that there was a matter relating to a contract by relying on the fact that that was what the defendants contended against them. If article 5(i) applied, it was the

duty of the court to apply it; jurisdiction under the Brussels Convention was not a matter of discretion, nor did it depend on considerations of forum

The English courts looked very carefully at proceedings for neg-ative declarations. That did not mean. however, that caution in that regard could be used as a substantive ground for declining jurisdiction under the Convention, or that would derogate from the

It did mean that the court would be astute in such cases to prevent !! irivolous or vexatious cases, just as it was astute to stop summarily cases where the plaintiff seeking to establish a contract could not sho that there was a serious issue which called for a trial for its proper determination: see Tesum v Schuh ([1990] 1 L Pr 149, 158). The plaintiffs' proceedings were not objectionable on those

Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Otton agreed. Solicitors: Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering: D. J. Freeman.

Council has duty to act on pollution

Regina v Carrick District Council, Exparte Shelley and Apother Before Mr Justice Carnwath

[Judgment April 3]

A local authority failed in its statutory duty when it resolved not to take any action in regard to complaints of pollution of the local beaches but merely to monitor the

the Queen's Bench Division when granting an application by Rachel Shelley and Sara Caroline Delancy for judicial review of a recolution dated June 20, 1995 of the environmental and community services committee of Carrick District Council declining to serve an abatement notice under section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in respect of the beach at Porthtowan, North Cornwall.

Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Michael Fordham for the ap-plicants: Mr Rhodri Price-Lewis for the council: Mr David Lloyd Jones for South West Water Authority.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that Porthtowan had been buy and sandy beach, good for surfing. There had for some years been complaints of sewage related debris finding its way to the beach. There were two outfalls in the

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West Water Authority, the closest being Portreath serving Redruth, and North Cliffs serving Camborne, North Cliffs was unscreened. Portreath was screened

A two-year survey of beaches in 1990-91 by the National Rivers Authority placed Porthtowan in depending on the degree of contamination by sewage related debris. There had been no comparable survey since 1991 to assess the effect of the screening. During 1995 an average of one kilogram per day wet weight of sewage related material was collected, including sanitary towels and condoms which users of the beach

There was pressure on the council, led by a body called Surfers against Sewage, for action including action by the district council under the 1990 Act.

The senior principal environ-mental health officer assembled evidence for submission to the environmental and community services committee on the condition of the beach. A report was prepared for the meeting of June 20, 1995, leading to the resolution which was under challenge.

The committee resolved not to take action under the Act but to continue monitoring.
Under section 79(1)(c) of the Act the council had a duty to investigate "any accumulation or deposit which is prejudicial to health or a ment of fact. nuisance". Under section 80 once it was found that a statutory nui-

grounds

notice either requiring abatement or requiring steps to be taken. There was no decision of the committee that there was or was not a statutory nuisance, simply a decision that it was not "appropriate" to serve a notice. That was

sance existed, the council had a

duty, not a discretion, to serve a

a word which implied an exercise

Regina v Howes No application for leave to cross-

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justic: Evans, Mr

of discretion rather than a judg-

The resolution did not comply with the council's duty under section 80. It was fine as far as it went but it did not deal with the critical issue. A declaration was granted that the resolution was not a valid discharge of the council's duty. The council was under an obligation to reconsider.

Solicitors: Leigh Day & Co; Mrs D. R. M. H. Hayes, Truro; Mr J. C.

Grounds needed

examine a rape victim could properly be made unless defence counsel had instructions which provided reasonable grounds for his assertions.

Justice Kay and Judge Gibbon) so held in a reserved judgment on heid in a reserved judgment on March 28, when dismissing the appeal against conviction of Jo-seph Michael Angelo Howes on July 24, 1995, at Gloucester Crown Court (Judge Hutton and a jury) on 10 charges of indecent assault and indecency. He was sentenced to a total of nine years imprisonment.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that when leave to cross-examine a

section 2 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, as amended by the Criminal Appeal Act 1995, al-though the defence need not show that they had in their possession vidence to prove the correctness of their assertion, there had to be some other basis on which it codd

be shown that the questions would

be properly asked, for otherwise

coursed would have an undefined

right to embark on an inquiry of

the kind which section 2 was designed to prevent. At paragraph 610(h) of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (1990, 4th amendment 1994) the suggestion sought to be made must appear to be supported Save up The Williams

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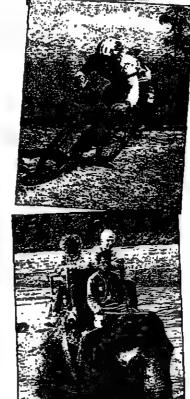
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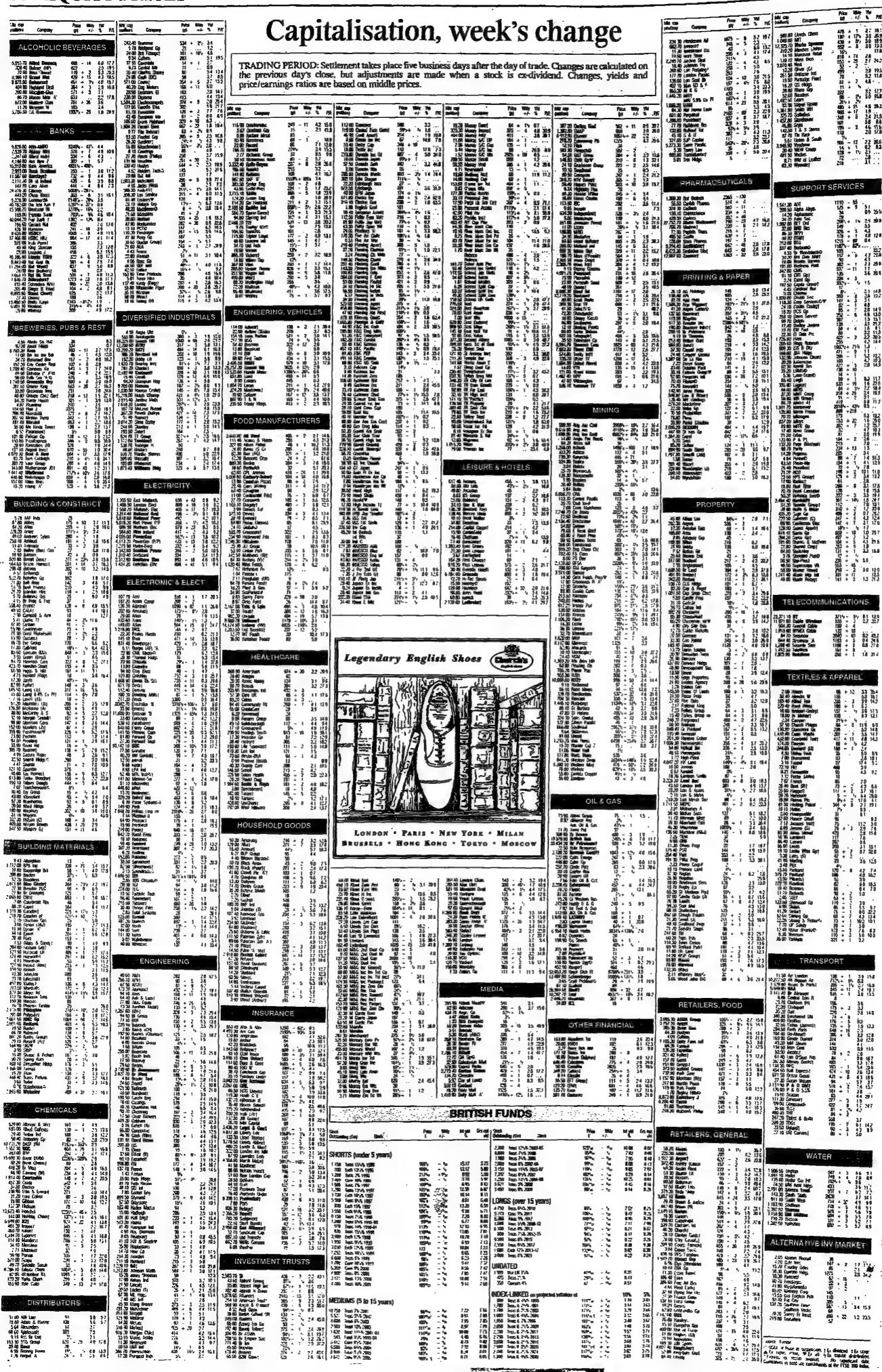
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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: AG Holdings, Wardle Storeys. Finals: Amey, Arcadian International, Arlen, Britannia Group, Dinkie Heel, Johnson Fry, Olives Property, Simons & Co.

Economic statistics: Producer prices (March).

TOMORROW

interims: None scheduled. Finals: Automotive Precision Holdings, Boosey & Hawkes, Cobham, Gradus Group, Hungarian Inv Co, S Jerome (Holdings), Peptide Thera-peutics Group, Saltire, Tesco Tie Rack Tesco, Tie Rack.

Economic statistics: New construction orders (February), details of gilt auction.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Fidelity Special Values, Five Oaks Invs. Finals: Havelock Europa, HTR Income & Growth, French Connection Group, Ryan Group, Signet Group, Economic statistics: Un-employment (March), average earnings (February), unit labour costs (February), labour force survey (December-February), minutes of monthly monetary meeting (March 7) between Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England.

THURSDAY

Interims: SmithKilne Beecham (Q1), WEW Group. cham (Q1), WEW Group.
Finals: Laura Ashley, Barlows, Bloomsbury Publishing, Bodycote International, Henry Boot & Sons, Caim Energy, Cassell, Era Group, Foreign & Colonial Pacific IT, Fortune OII, Henderson Highland Trust, Highcroft Inv Tst, House of Fraser, Kin Capital, Jackson Group, MICE Group, Morgan Gren-MICE Group, Morgan Gren-tell Latin American, RMC Group, Stylo. Economic statistics: Motor

vehicle production (March), PSBR (March), retail prices (March), British Chambers of Commerce quarterly economic survey.

FRIDAY

Interima: Dumyat inv Tst, Vision Group. Finale: Automotive Products, Clarke, Nickoils & Coombs,





PHILIP PANGALOS

Tesco results set tone for food sector

TESCO: Sir lan MacLaurin, chairman of Britain's biggest supermarket group, will paint a clearer picture of conditions in the food retail sector and is expected to check in a healthy rise in full-year profits when Tesco reports tomorrow.

Tesco has enjoyed a rise in its share price recently on news that petrol price rises are sticking. But news is awaited on how much the recent petrol price war waged between supermarkets and oil companies has dented profits and what impact its Clubcard loyalty scheme is having in wooing customers from rival chains.

The petrol price cuts were slowed only recently when rising wholesale costs prompted a 2p a litre increase by most players. Analysts think that gross mar-gins at petrol retailing, which accounts for about 12 per cent of Tesco's ex-VAT sales, may have been halved.

Mike Dennis, of NatWest Securities, expects Tesco to report pretax profits of £677 million, up from E595 million, Market forecasts range from £665 million to £700 million. An improved dividend of 9.75p (8.6p) is predicted. Analysts expect like-for-like sales to have grown by 9-10 per cent in 1995, but that may have slipped to nearer 4-5 per cent. However, they point out that food price inflation of about 4 per cent brings sales growth down.

HOUSE OF FRASER: The department stores group is one of a number of leading retailing names reporting this week and is likely to look to the future with greater confidence after its recent boardroom shake-up. Last week, it named John Coleman, 43, former managing director of Texas Homecare, to replace Andrew Jennings, who was sacked as managing director a month ago after unrest among shareholders. After a loss in the first half, Panmure Gordon expects full-year profits, due on Thursday, to nearly haive to £15 million, against £28 million previously. Market forecasts range from £15 million to £17 million.

RMC GROUP: The building materials supplier is expected to



Sir Ian MacLaurin, who is expected to announce a healthy rise in Tesco's full-year profits

report dramatically higher earnings on Thursday and will also provide the market with a clearer picture of any upturn in its sector. UBS has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £335 million, against £283 million last time. Market forecasts range from £320 million to £335 million. A dividend of 25p (23p) is predicted.

UBS expects weaker German trading in the second half to have an impact on full-year results and reduced expectation for the current year, but the downside is seen as limited and the current rating undernanding.

SIGNET GROUP: Wednesday's annual results from the UK's biggest jeweller will be largely irrelevant in comparison with possible news on the sale of several of its UK businesses. Last week, it moved to quash speculation that it was on the brink of announcing the sale of two of its chains. The company announced in January that it was inviting offers for Ernest Jones and H Samuel, its UK jewellery businesses. The price tag is thought to be £300 million. In a statement, the group said the sale was

proceeding and a further an-

nouncement would not be made in the immediate future. Final pre-tax profits after exceptionals are forecast at between £20 million and £25 million, against £8.1 million. No dividend is anticipated.

LAURA ASHLEY: Results on Thursday should reveal the resumption of dividend payouts after the group withdrew payments for the year to the end of January, 1994. For years, the fabrics and home furnishings group maintained the total annual payout at 0.1p, but UBS expects

an improvement to 0.5p. UBS has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £7 million, reversing the £30.6 million slump into the red last time. Market forecasts range from £7 million to £10 million.

TIE RACK: Joan D'Olier, of NatWest Securities, expects Tie Rack to report full-year pre-tax profits of about £8.1 million (£7.4 million) tomorow, talhough much will depend on how the group fared during the important Christmas trading period. A dividend of 3.25p (2.25p) is predicted. The Rack's expansion plans continue and NatWest believes initial results from its first shop in Japan should look promising. But there is concern about margin erosion, owing to the costs of establishing new operations and higher raw material costs.

SMITHS INDUSTRIES: Stronger trading in its core operations should help the aerospace electronics to medical sys-tems group to a healthy rise in first-half profits on Wednesday. UBS is looking for interim pre-tax profits to rise to £64 million. against £58 million. Market forecasts range from £64 million to £66 million. An improved dividend of 5.55p (5.05p) is pre-dicted. Analysts will also be interested in how the recent strike action at Boeing, one of the group's largest customers, and the slowdown in civil aircraft production is affecting deliveries.

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM: The Anglo-American drugs group is expected to show weak growth in its first quarter when it reports on Thursday. Antibiotic sales are expected to be hit by a mild influenza season in January and February, compared with high levels of the illness last year. The firm's hepatitis B vaccine will also see less growth as a French vaccination programme that boosted sales in the first quarter of 1995 quarter has ended. Analysts forecast pre-exceptional pretax profits of between £375 million to £380 million, against £360 million last time. A dividend of 3.5p (3.2p) is anticipated. Attention will focus on current trading and prospects.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Prices point the way

A FULL menu of British economic statistics this week starts today with March producer prices. Input prices are expected to rise 0.3 per cent, according to a consensus of market forecasts compiled by MMS International, pushing down the annual rate of input price inflation to 27 per cent from 3 per cent in February.

Output prices are expected to have risen by only 0.2 per cent, taking annual inflation down to 3.5 per cent from 3.7 per cent the previous month. Excluding food, drink and tobacco the rate is expected to fall to 3.2 per cent from 3.4 per cent.

Tomorrow sees February's new con-

struction orders and Wednesday unemployment statistics for March, average earnings for February and the latest pay report from IRS for March. Unemployment is expected to have fallen by about 7,500, according to MMS, while average earnings annual growth should remain at 3.25 per cent.

On Thursday, retail price figures are released for March. Headline inflation is expected to have risen 0.3 per cent, pushing its annual rate down to 26 per cent from 2.7 per cent in February. The underlying inflation rate is predicted to fall to 2.8 per cent from 29 per cent. The RPIY measure, which excludes mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes, should remain unchanged at 2.5 per cent. Also on Thursday is the crucial figure for the public sector borrowing requirement for the last month of the tax year. The MMS consensus is for a requirement in March, traditionally a month of heavy departmenral spending, of £10 billion, which would give a full-year PSBR of nearly £33 billion - well above the £29 billion forecast in the November Budget.

Overseas, attention will be on Thursday's Bundesbank council meeting amid continuing speculation about German interest rate cuts and tomorrow's March US industrial production report.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Tesco, Alexon, Parkland, Cordiant, William Sinclair, Robert Independent on Sunday, Buy Hammerson, MY Holdings, AAF Industries Avoid Hunting Sell Prudential.

Sunday Telegraph: Buy B Ellion,
Alexon. Doellex, MICE Group. The Observer: Sell British Airways. Mail on Sunday: Buy Peptide Therapeutics, Kwik-Fit.

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History shows fixed-interest market falls hostage to political uncertainty

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liament has been reduced to just one. Its position is so fragile that one more death or defection will seriously impair its ability to remain in government. John Major may choose to soldier on in a minority administration or, more probably, reach some sort of understanding with the Ulster Unionists. But whichever option is preferred, there can be intle doubt that the prospect of this Parliament running its full term is receding. In view of this, investors clearly need to assess the likely impact the general election will have on the fixed-interest market.

A key point in this respect is that opinion polls are contin-uing to indicate a Labour victory. Although the Conservatives have gained some ground in recent months, their handling of the BSE crisis suggests that this improvement is unlikely to be sus-tained. Typically, when Labour has been expected to win an election the gilt market has performed poorly, both in nominal and relative terms. Labour was ahead of the

Conservatives in the run-up to the elections of 1966, 1970.

Staffordshire South-East by-election. the Conservative majority in Pareach occasion, gilt yields rose ahead of the election, as the in the three months to polling day - the average rise was 47 basis points.

The contrast is provided by the performance of the gilt market in the approach to the elections in 1979, 1983 and 1987 when the Conservatives have been ahead in the opinion polls. In the run-up to each one of these elections yields fell - the average decline was around 100 basis

points in the three months to the poll and some 15 basis points in the final month. It may be argued, with some justification, that this time the gilt market. has already dis-

counted a change in government, after all, Labour has enjoyed a healthy lead in the opinion polls for more than three years. That said, in the run-up to five of the seven elections considered above, the party ahead in the opinion polls went on to win the subsequent election. It is not inconceivable that similar assumptions may have been

poll looms investors are likely to focus more specifically on the implications of a change in government. That is particularly true in the case of overseas investors.

Looking back to the last election in 1992, it is interesting that gilts were particularly bad performers in the six weeks prior to the poll. Mea-

will lead the gilt market to demand a greater risk premium than exists now ?

6 A change of government

sured against German bunds, the yield differential widened by 60 basis points over this period to reach 200 basis points. The current spread between the two markets is just under 180 basis points, which represents an increase of around 40 basis points since the tail end of last year. Direct comparisons between the two periods may be a little inap-

propriate, however. Firstly, the approach of EMU has increased the risk premium attached to DM-denominated assets. Second, in 1992 sterling was a member of the exchange-rate mechanism, which should have ensured a relatively stable outlook.

Labour has, meanwhile, made significant changes since Neil Kinnock's second attempt to win a general election. Gordon Brown has been at pains to emphasise the

rules and targets that will be at the heart of its conduct of monetary and fiscal policies. On inflation, some form of target is certain to be maintained although it could be a broader measure

such as nominal GDP. It is also difficult to see Labour reducing the influence of the Bank of England. Indeed, greater powers may eventually be granted in conjunction with its plans to make the Bank a more representative and accountable body.

On public borrowing, the Shadow Chancellor has enthusiastically championed the "golden rule" - that is, borrowing will be allowed only to finance investment spending. In theory, this is a little less restrictive than the present government's objective to baiance the Budget over the course of the economic cycle. In practice, there is likely to be

little difference. While we do not believe there is a lot to choose between what is on offer from the Conservatives and Labour on macroeconomic policy, the uncertainty that will result from a change of government will still lead the gilt market to demand a greater risk premium than currently exists. The spread over German bunds could widen by a further 20 to

30 basis points to reflect this. Such a move would still only imply a very modest real yield differential between the two markets. If the Tories were to pull off an unexpected victory the gilt market should bounce strongly. On the other hand, if the opinion polls prove accu-rate the market is likely, at best, to trade sideways in the

SIMON RUBINSOHN AND MIKE LENHOFF Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management



RED faces all round at Rentokil, whose advisers Lazards, have scored a hat trick of blunders in the hostile bid for BET. Not content with sending a "highly confidential" letter meant for the Rentokil company secretary to BET's offices in Stration Street, or with forgetting to scrub the codename "Rugby" from the Stock Exchange announcement of BET's defence document on the same day as the real Rugby Group announced a 40 per cent profits fall, they have gone one further. Attached to a submission they put on display at Denton Hall, Rentokil's solicitor, was a credit facility agreement

detailing agency fees of

£25,000 per annum per facility payable to NatWest. Handwritten in bold across the top ... NOT TO BE ATTACHED. **Banking boast**

THE recruitment criterion is ruthless at Barclays where the head of personal banking boasts of sacking someone at the tender age of 21. When Tim Parkes took a sabbatical, working at a college in Cheltenham for a year, he sharpened up the union bar.



Knight: fast travel

starting with the sacking of an unscrupulous member of staff. Parkes was also responsible for the college ban on Barclays cheques.

TREASURY Minister Angela Knight scoots off from London this morning to deliver a speech on board the royal yacht in Toronto, promoting the UK financial ser-vices industry, before making a return flight 24 hours later.

Money talks

REPORTERS at the EU's conference on aid for Bosnia found themselves treated to a rare example of glasnost on Saturday when most speeches

the press room. But just as the world's press was totting up the pledges to see if the \$1.2 billion target had been achieved the sound was cut. Censorship? No. "They forgot to turn the sound off after the opening speeches," said an EU official. THE turncoat at Eastern

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and pledges from the 55 donor nations were piped through to

Natural Gas who signed the deal with the Rugby Football Union to supply 42,500 therms of gas to England supporters HQ was a Weishman and a Cardiff Arms Park ticket-holder. Arnie Jones, area sales manager, cut the deal on his first visit to Twickenham.

Early bids

BONHAMS opens its doors at 7.30am for the first time tomorrow to attract buyers before they go to work in the City. The Knightsbridge and Chelsea salesrooms will be serving free coffee and croissants to customers who arrive early enough to park without risking the wrath of traffic wardens. Behind the ruse is managing director Christo-pher Elwes, who rises daily at

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THE risk of company insolvencies is higher now than at the end of the last recession due to the higher proportion of smaller, owner-managed businesses, according to CCN, the credit reference agency.

In a study of 500,000 British firms it found 24 per cent in danger of failing at the end of 1993. That percentage had risen to 29.1 per cent at the end of last year and another 23.6 per cent were "high risk".

Venture bill

Worldwide investment by British venture capital firms totalled £2.5 billion during 1995, up 22 per cent on the previous year, ac-cording to the British Venture Capital Association. Some £21 billion, or 84 per cent of the total, was invested within the United

Pay bind

British firms still spend too high a proportion of their earnings on pay and this is holding back invest-ment. a new study by Professor Douglas McWilliams, chief executive of the Centre for Economics and Business Research,

lmro plan

Imro, the regulator for fund managers, will today publish a series of proposals that are believed to include initiatives to give private investors greater

Age block

A survey by the Institute of Management of 1,600 managers found that twothirds supported legislation, including laws, to restrict the use of age in iob advertisements.

Motor insurance rates set to rise by 10% this year

ness to rivals by raising premi-

ers are really hurting," said

Nigel Richardson, motor

schemes manager with the

RAC. There are some signs of

slight premium increases but

competition has never been as

"All insurers want to in-

crease their market share, but

some are not under pressure

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ing a shareholder in a merged

company," said Erik Tonseth.

lion, in Amec, the British con-

struction company it tried to

take over last December. Mr

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Kvaerner's chief executive. Kvaerner still owns a large stake, acquired for £50 mil-

The RAC has about 300,000

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Kvaerner Finnish

stake raises £55m

By PAUL DURMAN

MOTOR insurance rates are set to rise by 10 per cent over the next 12 months because underwriters can no longer sustain the current low levels, a leading motoring organisation has claimed.

The RAC, which uses a panel of 20 household insurers, says some companies are writing unprofitable business in their attempt to gain and retain market share.

Motor insurance has become increasingly competitive over the last seven years, with more than 50 telephone-based companies setting up directselling operations.

The RAC believes insurers would like to see price increases of 15 per cent this year.

KVAERNER, the Norwegian

company that is paying £900

million for the Trafalgar

House construction and engi-

neering group, is raising £55 million through the sale of a

Kvaerner is selling a 26 per

cent stake in Tampella Corp of

Finland to Sandvik of Sweden.

The Norwegian group will make a profit of £17 million on

its Tampella shares, which it

only acquired a few months

ago as part of its purchase of

House, Kvaerner said it wants

to concentrate on its interna-

tional engineering business.

Additionally, Tampella is

about to merge with Svedala of Sweden. In the present

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but are fearful of losing busiwhile the Automobile Association, the UK's largest motorabout 900,000 motorists.

A further 2.2 million people are policyholders with Direct Line, the largest motor insurer in the country.

Analysts have downgraded

their profit expectations for Direct Line amid signs that its growth has slowed and that it was badly hit by the winter weather, especially in Scotland.

Some in the City predict that when the Royal Bank of Scot-land, Direct Line's parent company, reports its interim results next month, the motor insurer's profits will only be half of last year's level. Accordingly, they have down-graded full year pre-profits.

Direct Line made E112 million last year and had been expected to make £39 million in the year to September. Some analysts are now pre-

Some of the composites have indicated that they will not chase market share by reducing premiums.

General Accident, which with 5 per cent of the market ranks as one of Britain's six biggest insurers, has already introduced selected rate rises of 4 per cent.

Mr Richardson believes that the industry is likely to see some consolidation.

Tonseth said he would be He said: "The market is at happy to sell Kvaerner's Amec saturation point — the population is ageing and the birth rate is falling, which means shares as they are no longer of The acquisition of Trafalgar that the number of people wanting car insurance for the House, still awaiting regula-tory approval, will leave first time will soon start to fall. Kvaerner heavily borrowed. It Insurers are having to fight is planning to sell the Cunard harder to keep their business shipping line and other unbecause more people are chaswanted businesses in a £1 ing it, and the market is driven billion disposal programme.



Paul Saul, Mulberry's founder, and the stylish wear that typifies his company's output

Mulberry to seek AIM listing

BY PAUL DURMAN

MULBERRY, the company Roger Saul, who founded whose upmarket leather bags Mulberry 25 years ago, said: The balance sheet will be are sold in Harrods and Liberty, will float on the greatly enhanced. It will leave us in a position to move Alternative investment Marforward very, very strongly." ket next month in a sale expected to value the business Mr Saul and his family

at more than £30 million. A share placing to raise 28 group after the flotation. Bemillion to £9 million will allow ween 1990 and 1995, Mulberry Mulberry to pay off City backers who hold expensive doubled sales to £25.3 million and almost quadrupled profits to £2 million. Mr Saul said loan notes issued at the peak of the interest rate cycle four results for the year to March 30

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About 70 per cent of the company's sales are overseas and it has twice won the Queen's Award for Export. Although best-known for its English Country Look range of handbags and luggage, the own about 75 per cent of the company has also expanded into clothing and fabrics.

☐ La Senza, a Canadianbacked lingerie chain, also plans to float on ALM, hoping to raise more than £15 million. Most of La Senza's 22 shops were opened in the last year.

Action will decide if Lloyd's can seize awards

By SARAH BAGNALL ...

A CRUCIAL High Court action begins tomorrow that will decide whether Lloyd's of London has the right to seize any court awards made to litigating names. Thousands of litigating names have already won hundreds of millions of pounds of damages from High Court actions and more are in the pipeline.

The damages awards are being held in escrow accounts, while the insurance market is trying to end the mass of actions by offering its 34,000 names an out-of-court settlement. This currently stands at £2.8 billion but is expected to be lifted above E3 billion.

Before launching its offer to names last year, Lloyd's had sought approval from the Department of Trade and Industry for planned changes to names' premium trust deeds (PTDs). These changes would give Lloyd's the first call on any court awards or settlements to names where those names have outstanding debts. to the market. In March 1995, Michael Heseltine, then President of the Board of Trade, approved the changes, subject to a legal ruling.

The planned amendments

were met with anger by names as many of them have financial obligations outside the market, such as loans taken out in order to pay their Lloyd's losses.

Names want to be able to choose which debts they discharge first and say the changes to the PTDs are unlawful as they make Lloyd's a preferential creditor.

There is a chance, however. that last-minute talks between Lloyd's and representatives of litigating names may lead to a temporary adjournment of the hearing. This is in spite of the fact that the hearing's outcome has significant implications for thousands of names as well as for the insurance market's

Active recovery likely after Easter hangover

IT WAS a relatively quiet week for the Alternative Investment Market, with the market for smaller and growing companies suffering from a a hangover after the Easter break and the end of the tax year.

Julian Palfreyman, a director at Winterflood Securities, a marketmaker in all AIM stocks, said: "It's been very subdued. A lot of people have been away for Easter and the end of the tax year hasn't helped." However, things are set to pick up again this week. Mr Palireyman expects Cardcast, the credit card fraud company that is due to start trading tomorrow, to get off to a good start and open at a premium. The shares have been placed at 85p, but dealers expect them to open at between 100p and 110p. Active Imaging, the elec-

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expected to join the AIM next week, is also attracting considerable interest ahead of a placing by Beeson Gregory. The company, which has developed a range of intelligent digital cameras used in surveillance to road traffic management, is seeking to raise about £5 million of new money, capitalising it at about £20 million. The float proceeds will be used to eliminate borrowings and invest in business and market development of the group's intelligent

A combined stake of 56 per cent held by Active Imaging's manage-

held by venture capitalists, including will be diluted.

Another company looking to join AIM is Reflec, the reflective inks specialist. It plans to join early next month. The group, located in Manchester, is seeking £750,000 by way of an offer for subscription, valuing it at £2.75 million.

Reflec, which was formed in 1993. will use the funds raised from flotation to commercialise and market its novel, one-pack reflective printing inks. The group suffered a pre-tax loss of £158,403 in the year to February 29, due to write-offs of

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projects that it will make an operating profit in the year 1997/98.

Meanwhile, Firecrest hit a bumpy natch last week after the marketing and Internet specialist saw Roy Capper, its chief executive, censured by the Stock Exchange for failing to declare an option over 400,000 shares. Firecrest also launched the second phase of its bid to raise £1.5 million of desperately needed extra working capital. It is making an open offer of up to 2.20 million new shares, at 50p each, to raise about £750,000. Pan Andean Resources, the explo-

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risen sharply, has seen volatile trade ahead of an anticipated seismic report for an oilfield in Bolivia. The report should be out soon.

device that tracks stolen cars, reported on Friday that it had halved pretax losses to £1.6 million in 1995. The company, whose shares have suffered from some illiquidity in the past, said that sales are going well

and hopes to make a profit next year. The number of companies traded on AlM stands at 139, compared with just ten listed when the market started on June 19. Capitalisation amounts to £2.72 billion, while £242.4 million has been raised since the market began.

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HK residents thrill to new stadium's sound of silence

bley International and was once touted as the prime venue for the world's leading rock acts when touring Asia, looks set to be remembered only as a white elephant.

No band has set foot in the HK\$1 billion (£85.5 million) arena since it was opened two years ago, after a long dispute with local residents over noise levels.

With all sides showing no sign of compromise, 1997 and Chinese rule could condemn the stadium to silence in perpetuity.

The people of Hong Kong are beginning to accept there will be no concerts there: it is the inevitable outcome," said a Hong Kong urban council source on Saturday.

Last year, Wembley racked up a surprise surplus of HK\$5 million, largely through unexpected savings on repairs, maintenance and publicity. But experts foresee the picture changing dramatically next year, when large-scale maintenance will be needed for the first time,

Many bizarre tactics have been suggested to get around the noise problem, including

ing steel-cantilever architecture has won plaudits the world over, was funded by the Royal Jockey Club, which makes its money from the nearby Happy Valley racecourse, as a gift to the people of Hong Kong, and the feverish predilection of the Chinese for

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FROM TOM WALKER IN HONG KONG THE Hong Kong Stadium, which is managed by Wemthe audience donning gloves, to diminish the noise from clapping and to absorb sound waves. Another idea was to issue all concert-goers with personal headphones. An initiative to use the stadium as a bungee-jumping centre for the

colony was also quashed.
"We have a long line of companies wanting to be the first to put a concert on," said Julia Lau, Wembley's public relations manager. "It's just at the moment nobody can do anything about it."

England's football team will play its last warm-up match before the European championships in the stadium on May 26, one of Wembley's few chances to make money from the stadium this year. Rock concerts are the only sure means for the stadium to be a viable proposition for the

company. The stadium, whose sweep-

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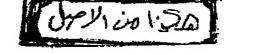
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Tobacco groups ride out legal threat by expanding

Richard Thomson finds the makers of cigarettes in surprisingly good health

Beset by lawsuits, be-sieged by anti-smok-ing campaigners, attacked by legislators, the US tobacco industry has never had so many problems to contend with. But anyone who was tempted to think that it was sinking under the burden may be surprised to learn that its core business has never been better.

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When the leading US tobacco companies report their firstquarter earnings this week, it will become clear just how healthy they really are. Sales have risen strongly, profit margins are sound and prospects look bright.

Philip Morris, for example, the world's biggest cigarette manufacturer, will on Tuesday announce first-quarter net profits of about \$1.56 billion, up from \$1.36 billion at the same stage last year. A week later, RJR Nabisco, the second-largest cigarette maker, will report profits of about \$182 million, compared with \$168 million a year ago. No sign of smoking-related diseases about these figures. Also coming over the next

few days will be results from American Brands, Brooke Group, UST Inc and, in the first week of May. Lowes Corp. All of them will show handsome profit growth. The first-quarter results, moreover, are likely to set the tone for the rest of 1996.

"They'll all do very well this time around. They'll all raise their dividends, and the shares of all of them should rise in the foreseeable future." said John Maxwell, tobacco analyst at Wheat First Butcher Singer, the brokers. There is good reason for all this

In spite of the adverse publicity of lawsuits and whistleblowers sales of cigarettes in the US keep improving. Mindful that this state of affairs may not last forever, they have been expanding overseas at a rapid rate. Some 50 per cent of Philip Morris's revenue is from abroad and these businesses are growing at nearly 20 per cent a year. Only about a third of RJR's revenue is from overseas, but that too is growing fast. Most sales by Brown & William-



Philip Morris, which owns the Marlboro brand, is one of several tobacco groups in an industry that faces 155 lawsuits

bacco company, which is owned by BAT Industries, are in the Far East and Latin

America.
"Consumers love American-style cigarettes," said David Adelman, tobacco ana-

lyst at Dean Witter. This is

son, the third-largest US to- important because the US accounts for a mere 12 per cent of the total world consumption of five thousand billion cigarettes a year. US groups are grabbing a bigger share of the world market, mainly in Eastern Europe.

ica - a move which should generate vast profits for them in the future. And they have hardly even tapped the big-gest single market of all, China, which smokes a thousand billion cigarettes a year. But, while trading is going well, there is a public rela-

CBI finds

tions disaster developing in the US. However much tobacco executives try to make light of the 155 lawsuits pending against the industry, they undoubtedly face a big problem. "Until recently, the lawsuits were just from activists trying to get publicity,"

pending. And a growing band of whistleblowers mostly former industry executives and researchers -- are coming forward accusing the industry of lying over how much it knew about the addictiveness of nicotine. "Historically, juries do not award damages to smokers. so the industry should win all these cases," said Mr Adelman. But the tobacco industry is now engaged in a deadly serious public rela-

the first time, the companies

are being sued by people and

institutions that really want

to make money out of them."

New Jersey last week

joined 14 other US states

suing the industry for billions

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are the costs of providing

medical care to people made

sick by smoking. The so-called Castano class action on

behalf of everyone in the US

injured by smoking is still

tions war that it seems to be losing. The recent decision by Liggett, owned by Brooke Group, to settle lawsuits against it out of court has blown apart the industry's traditional solidarity in fighting all-comers. It also created a precedent tobacco comopened the floodgates to the tide of new lawsuits.

Given the slow pace of the US courts, the outcome will not be clear for some time. The immediate effect of the Liggett action, however, was to hammer the value of tobacco shares. Philip Morris is down 16 per cent from \$104 to \$88, RJR down from \$35 to \$30. BAT's US-traded ADRs down from \$18 to \$15. Investors are frightened. Some of the huge public employee investment funds, such as those in California, say tobacco shares are no longer a safe investment. On a historical basis, they are now cheap.

But will they ever rise again? If they follow past patterns, the answer is yes. They normally fall sharply on bad news but outperform over the longer term. Thanks to hefty profits, there will be handsome dividend increases announced during the summer, which should help to restore faith in the shares. If they do not, it will be an ominous sign to the industry that its world has undergone a fundamental change: that however good its trading performance, investors would prefer not to touch it

Assault ships delayed as MoD haggles over price

AN ORDER for two new assault ships to equip Britain's soon-to-be-launched rapid reaction force is being held up as the Ministry of Defence battles with GEC Marine, its

monopoly supplier, over price. With two years' work already in its order book, GEC Marconi, Britain's biggest defence contractor, part of the General Electric Company, is using all its leverage to maximise payments for the ships, costing more than £100 million each.

The MoD is seeking a tender on the basis of no acceptable price, no contract.

up to 800 Marines each to launch sea-bourne assaults, are urgently needed if Britain's ability to project military power overseas is to be According to the Parliamen-

tary defence select committee, Britain is now incapable of launching a Falklands-style invasion. HMS Fearless, the 31-year old assault ship is completing a much-delayed refit, but MoD sources say HMS Intrepld, its 29-year old sister vessel, is so badly cor-roded that it is unlikely ever to return to sea.

A spokesman for VSEL, the Barrow-in-Furness shipbuildlanding craft, helicopters and er now owned by GEC, said

the yard was determined to struction and basic fitting out win the assault-ship work. of the 600 ft hull to Kvaerner "Negotiations are still going Govan, a civil yard on Clydeon," he said. The contracts side, for £80 million. The were expected to be placed last National Audit Office subseyear. But MoD sources sugquently estimated that VSEL gest the aim now is to secure a deal before the summer parhad provided £25 million to £30 million of support to its liamentary recess. bid, though company sources Swan Hunter, VSEL's only are reported to have put the

remaining rival in the construction of large warships, went into administration in 1994 after VSEL offered to HMS Ocean, build Britain's first helicopter assault ship, for £139 million. Swan Hunter priced the same 20,500 tonne ship at £211 million.

VSEL cut the cost dramatically by sub-contracting conpay rises steady at 3.6% By JANET BUSH **ECONOMICS** CORRESPONDENT

> PAY awards in Britain show no sign of accelerat-ing, according to new fig-ures from the Confed-eration of British Industry's Pay Databank published today.

Manufacturing pay awards averaged 3.6 per cent in the first quarter, provisional figures show, 3.6 per cent in the three months ended in February and 3.7 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year. Manufacturers also reported annual productivity gains, which averaged 4.3 per cent in the first

cent in the previous quarter. Since the beginning of August, the Pay Databank shows that one in eight manufacturing settlements were at or below 2.5 per cent and two in five were between 2.5 per cent and 3.5 per cent. One deal in three was between 3.5 per cent and 4.5 per cent and only one in seven was above 4.5 per cent.

Pay awards in service sector firms averaged 3.6 per cent, according to provisional figures, in the first quarter, compared with 3.8 per cent in the three months ended in February and 3.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year.

Protest looms as Savoy chief's salary leaps 60%

By Jon Ashworth

DIRECTORS of the Savoy Group are braced for a storm of protest over pay when shareholders gather for the annual meeting on May 20.

It has emerged that Ramon Pajares, managing director, was paid £308.745 last year well up on his predecessor. Giles Shepard, and that the company is seeking to amend its articles of association in the hope of tripling the amount payable in directors' fees.

Details are laid bare in the 1995 annual report, which touches on the fortunes of Savoy Group gems, including Claridge's, The Berkeley, Simpson's-in-the-Strand, and the Savoy itself.

Mr Pajares, whose attempts at modernisation have angered Savoy traditionalists, is in line for a one-off bonus of LIDU,UUU II CETTAIN DIONI LAIgets are achieved. Last year. he received a salary of £181,231 plus a bonus of £84,196.

Other ensoluments and pension contributions lifted his package to £308,745. Mr Shepard, who resigned in Septem-ber 1994, and is now managing director of the Ritz, received £187,316 in salary and other emoluments in 1994. However, a golden handshake worth £569,000 took his total 1994 package to £756,641.

Mr Pajares is entitled to a bonus of between 30 per cent and 50 per cent if profit targets are hit. He will receive a oneoff bonus of £150,000 if pre-tax profits exceed an amount, to be fixed, between £18 million and £20 million. The Savoy made EII.5 million (£4.4 mil-

ship of Lord Sterling of

Plaistow, has made no secret

of its desire to expand its

maritime operations in Aus-

tralia and already operates container terminals in Syd-

ney, Melbourne, and Freman-

tle, as well as stevedoring

activities in a further 40 ports

around Australia. The group

also manages a number of

container terminals in other

areas of the world including

Russia, China and Argentina

from its base in Australia. Up

to now, however, P&O has

never owned a port outright.

concentrating instead on man-



Giles Shepard resigned from the Savoy in September 1994

lion) last year. The report further discloses that Mr Pajares is on a three-year rolling contract, reducing to two years after November 1997, and to one year from

November 1988. Rowland Leigh, former company secretary, was paid £198,000 in compensation for loss of office after his departure in January 1995. The Savoy board is seeking to amend its articles of association to increase the maximum "pool" available in directors fees from £50,000 to £150,000. It says the current cap "restricts the company's ability to remunerate directors in accordance with their contribution and market rates".

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IOPC counts cost of oil spill

MORE than 100 delegates will

meet in London tomorrow to assess the total cost of cleaning up the Welsh coast after the Sea Empress oil tanker ran aground at Milford Haven two months ago.

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The meeting, called by the international Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (IOPC), will also look at the controversial issue of interim hardship payments to Welsh fishermen unable to fish in local waters since the disaster.

Fishermen, the tourist industry and wildlife groups have three years to lodge By Marianne Curphey

claims for damage and loss of income. Skuld, the Sea Empress's Norwegian liability insurer, has so far paid out £215,000 in hardship payments to 62 people employed in the areas worst hit by the

The IOPC's executive committee will also examine Skuld's claims management

Insurers say they will need another ten days to examine the Sea Empress in dry dock before deciding whether she is repairable. The ship is held at the Harland & Wolff shipyard in Belfast and is being cleaned before the damage is assessed. A number of companies have put in tenders for repair, but Harland & Wolff is likely to win the contract if repairs

Meanwhile, up to 75 fishermen waiting for compensation after the Braer tanker disaster in Shetland in 1993 may drop their claims against the IOPC. Unlike the Milford Haven fishermen, many of whom have hired loss adjustors on a no-win no-fee basis, the Shet-land claimants are finding the cost too great.

two years' work left for its 5,000 employees. HMS Veng-eance, Britain's fourth Trident submarine, will not be completed until the end of 1997. The helicopter ship arrives from Govan this summer. Fitting defensive missiles, combat systems, helicopter handling equipment and other military hardware will take 18 months. In addition, the yard has secured its first civil contracts for 25 years, to build two 4,500 tonne oil tankers for

figure closer to £10 million.

GEC Marconi subsequently

bought VSEL after a bid battle

with British Aerospace, and

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James Fisher and Sons, of Bar row. VSEL can also be confident of a large share of work on the £3 billion contract to build up to five batch two Trafalgar class nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarines.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the One Hundred and Seventieth Annual General Meeting of the Members of Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society will be held in the principal office, Amicable House, 150 St. Vincent Street,

Glasgow G2 5NQ, on Tuesday, 23rd April 1996. at 4.00 pm. By Order of the Directors I. C. Mitchell, Secretary

6th March 1996



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P&O leads race for Geelong port

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

P&O has emerged as a leading bidder for Australia's Port of Geelong in what would mark the company's first acquisition

The Port of Geelong, which is expected to carry a price of up to A\$100 million. (E52.3 million) is a bulk and special cargo port which receives 400 ships a year carrying petroleum products, grain, bauxite and fertilisers.

Richard Hein, the manag-

ing director of P&O's Australian arm, said: "It will be a whole new area of investment for us. We believe that we could run it extremely professionally and as well as anyone else. It is a good infrastructure investment." In the year to June 30 last year, the Port of Geelong, near Melbourne, made a net profit of A\$9 million, against A\$7.8 million. P&O, under the chairman-

Sterling: expansion-minded

aging operations within stateowned ports. The proposed acquisition of the Port of Geelong marks P&O's first attempt at expanding its operations in Australia since its ill-fated bid last year for ANL, the country's government-owned national ship-ping line. P&O was eventually forced to abandon its bid after months of negotiations when Australia's powerful maritime unions threatened to call a national waterfront strike if the sale went ahead without their consent, claiming that P&O had a poor industrial

> The acquisition of ANL would have positioned P&O as the dominant player in the Australasian shipping industry, controlling main trade routes to Asia, and across the Tasman. Last year P&O Australia made operating profits of A\$95 million on turnover of about A\$1.3 billion.

relations record in the UK.

CHANGE ON WEEK

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US dollar 1.5112 (-0.0168) German mark 2.2731 (+0.0109) Exchange index 83.6 (Same)

Bank of England official close (4pm) STOCK MARKET

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IMPORTANT NOTICE RE CHANGE OF **OPENING HOURS**

Banco do Brasil S.A. wishes to Inform clients and correspondent banks in the United Kingdom that, with effect from 3rd June 1996, the counters of the London branch will be open to the public on London business days between the hours of 12pm and 4pm daily. Access to the Bank for purposes other than retail transactions will remain unchanged.

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In this looking-glass world, taxpayers have to pay more subsidies to swill the dregs of state assets into the private sector and financial service businesses reach new peaks of confidence because they are planning to sack employees faster. Free competition requires more bureaucratic controls, permanently. Gas supply is thrown into confusion that undermines service and multiplies dissatisfaction, all in the name of consumers: and Britain's second force telecoms business is readied to be flogged to the highest foreign bidder because common sense. along with any vision of the country's long-term interest, has been dissolved in a tirade of theologically pure regulatory evangelism.

This phase may prove temporary but its effects will be with us for many years ahead. The decline of the mutual sector is typical. For the assurers and building societies concerned, it may well be a healthy

Sarah Cunningham on sons,

over top posts from their fathers

Mammon's stakeholders massacre the mutuals

nence and certainty are in drought. unpredictable change is rampant and financial flexibility therefore paramount. But who knows? The urge to convert stems from competitive market forces, but the sudden stampede owes more to the ambitions of managers, oiled by savers' sensible desire to bag cash windfalls

Building societies prospered originally because, as low-cost, nonprofit bodies, they could offer better terms to savers and to ordinary people who wanted to buy a house. Savers were generally loyal because they or their children wanted to become borrowers. But most of the big building societies have been run increasingly like joint stock banks for years, ever since easy money broke the link between saving and borrowing and opened up competition. As big societies maximised profits for growth, there ceased to be much feeling that members were. how can one put it, stakeholders.

Mutuality is a state of mind. If managers operate like bankers and treat members as no more than customers, there is not much point in having an old-fashioned financial structure that feather-beds the



Graham Searjeant board. For members, under 1990s Mammonite culture, ownership is

about control and a fast buck.

Mutual life assurance companies. faced with comparable pressures, may find the same applies to them. The stampede that is expected to catch up with Bristol & West today needed two factors to come together. The slump in the housing market left all those new branches stranded. and societies, with more money than they could prudently lend, chasing low-risk borrowers and spending heavily to diversify. Mergers accelerated. Then voting members dis-covered that they could benefit from agreeing to these mergers under the

Following in father's footsteps

recent law allowing societies to convert to plc status. As soon as Lloyds Bank bid cash for Cheltenham & Gloucester, the traditional building society merger was dead. There is, however, a catch. If

societies are trying to escape from the shrunken housing market, why are banks so keen to expand into it? One theory is that bank herds are genetically programmed to thunder headlong from one lending disaster to the next. A recent survey of bankers by the Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation found that the hot favourite for the next disaster was that competition and overcapac-ity would lead them to take silly lending risks again. Even after 1990s repossessions

and negative equity, banks still see mortgages as a much safer zone for expansion than, say, big corporate lending, Third World debt or small business. In the past week, however, competition has toughened as mutuals hit back. The Nationwide and the Yorkshire, rediscovering their old roots, cut lending rates by cutting profit margins. They can do this, they argue, because they do not have to pay dividends on their capital. The banks and neo-banks could

respond in kind, relying on claimed lower borrowing costs. They could take hidden risks by lending more on less security to higher-risk bor-rowers. Or they could forsake market share and put the surplus cash in government bonds. But it takes a brave bank boss to do that.

The Nationwide's return to old ways could revive the sector's worth or prove to be just a short-term tactic to capture business in thin times. As the flood of cash into smaller societies shows, the pressure to convert is becoming irresistible. Some should resist, setting deposit rates for new members so that they can make a turn in the money markets. Mutual insurance companies can overcome their selling problems by cutting costs and growing more slowly, thereby usualgiving savers a better deal. The Co-operative Bank is making

use of its peculiar status to offer a different service to customers who want a bank with "ethical" lending policies. Some smaller societies already provide a niche service that the pic sector shuns. Others will need to get closer to their customers.

If the welfare state is to develop the way some thinkers on both left and right project, people are likely to need non-state organisations to offer contracts for pensions and mutual insurance against insecurity that are unlikely to satisfy a conventional pic's risk/reward calculus. It would be ironic, but not surprising, if, by then, the best-placed sector has just

One City follower said that

from the investors' point of

view, while having sons or

daughters come into the com-

pany can be a good thing.

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BADIELEMOICE Double treat at the opera

Cavalleria Rusticana and I Pagliacti. Radio 3, 7.10pm. Evening Concert. Classic FM, 8.00pm.

You and I have a difficult and delicious choice to make tonight. Both Radio 3 and Classic FM will celebrate Welsh National Opera's 50th anniversary. Radio 3's relay of "Cav" and "Pag" from Cardiff, is live. Classic FM's celebrations will be on records. All feature the WNO's orchestra. They include arias from Turandot, La Cenerantola, Tosca and The Pearl Fishers. The longer work is Delius's Violin Concerno, with Tasmin Little as soloist. In "Cav" and "Pag," the leading roles are sung by Dennis O'Neill, Peter Sidhorn, Anne-Marie Owens and Rosalind Sutherland. The man with the baton is Carlo Rizzi.

The Monday Play: A Yearning. Radio 4, 7.45pm.

Lorca set his tragedy Yerma in Spain, his homeland. Ruth Carter's adaptation is set in Birmingham, and the characters are Asians. The geographical location is not of paramount importance. The theme of The Yearning is universal — the individual's right to challenge repressive conventions in a community that is not averse to being hypocritical when it suits its purposes. The childless Amar (heart-rendingly well played by Sudha Bhuchar) believes that it is entirely her fault that she is burren. Her need for a child has become desperare, and her self-centred husband (Riz Abassi) is completely indifferent to her plight. The stage is set for a climax that is as unexpected as it is shattering.

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RADIO 2

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6.00am On Air. Byrd (Mass for Three Voices); Beethoven (Triple Concerto I C); Vivali (Oboe Concerto in 6 flat, Op 7 No 7; Schubert (piano Sonala No 11 in F minor, D 625); Malks Golders (Zemele, 18 Jewah Folk Songe); Mithaud (Suite: The Bells) 9.00 Blorning Collection, with Cetinors You no Gerstwire

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12.00 Composer of the Week:
Claude Debussy. Suite:
Printemps, Harmone du soir;
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l'après-moi d'un laune
1.00pm BBC Lunchtime
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Concert. Presented by Susan labionski, plano, Liszt Jaborski, plano, Lisza
(Funeralles, Harmonies
poetique et religieuses);
Debussy (Prelude: Feux
D'artifica, 8k 11 No 12; La
Cathédrale engloutie, 8k 1 No
10); Grieg (Sonata in E runnor)
Schnoble The Song Tree 2.15
Slonytox 2.25 Let's Move
2.46 Eint Stene in Drame

2.45 First Steps in Drama 3.00 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Titov, Revet

(Suite: Ma mere l'moye); Ibert

The last programme in the saries looking at lazz in Nazi 5.00 The Music Machine, with

Janice Forsyth
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5.15 in Tune. Includes, Morley
(Aprill is my mistris face) 6.03
Haydn (Piano Trio in G, H XV
15) 6.30 Rachmannov
(Spring Waters, Op 14 No 11)
7.10 City and Pag. See Choice.
The 50th anniversary of the
Welsh National Opera. Nicola
Haywood Thomas introduces Heywood Thomas introduces the popular double bill, live from the New Theatre in Cardiff. Cavalleria rusticana, with Dennis O'Neill, lenor, Arine-Marie Owens, mezzo, and Mens: Davies, mezzo and Mens: Davies, mezzo 8.30 Unitt the Fat Lady Sings, with Michael Oliver 8.55 Pagliacoz, with Peter Sidhorn, hartnes. Decele C'Neil baritone, Dennis O'Neil tenor, Anthony Mee, tenor, Rosa; lind Sutherland, soprano, Jason Howard, barlone, and the Chorus and Orchestra of the Welsh

National Opera under Carlo 10.20 Emotion Pictures. The first of five tributes to the film chrector Wim Wenders, dramatised by Neil Cargill. Starring Peter Capaldi, James

Cosmo, David Ryall and Gins Cosmo, David Hyer and Cins McKee

10.46 Mibding It, with Mark Ruseell and Robert Sandall

11.30 Composer of the Week: Georg Minifat (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairmenther

Fairweather
1.00-2.00 Night School Letterbox
1.20 Singing Together

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 5.00am News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Beyond the Millernum, with Shapes McConald (1/6) 8.58 Sheena McDonald (1/6) 8.58

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week

Neison 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 This Sceptrd kile (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580-12.00pm News; You and Yours 12.25 Counterpoint 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick

1.40 The Archers (r) 1,55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; The Flowers of the Forest. Donald Campbell's account of one of the great wars between Scotland and England in the 15th century With Michael MacKenze,

Monica Gibb, and Kem Falconer (r) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kalekloscope. Lynne Walker considers the career of solo violinist, chamber music player and conductor, Yehudi Mer

who celebrates his 80th buttrday this year 4.45 Short Story: Low Lights, by Carol Ann Fraser Read by Oone Beeson (r)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 The News Outz, with Barry Took, Steve Purit, Francis Wheen, Joan Bakewell and Jeremy Hardy (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 The Food Programme. or the Food Programme.

Derek Cooper takes a look at the breatmaking industry, especially the traditional breatmakers who are limited. breadmakers who are linding if difficult to compete with the Supermarkets (r) 7.45 The Monday Play: A

8.45 Tahiti in a Cold Climate The true slory of the evacuation to the mainland, in 1930, of the mhabitants of St Kilda, the

manufants of St Kilda, the
remote archipetago, 50 miles
west of the Outer Hebrides
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59
Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Robin Lustin
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The
Devil's Own Work, by Alan
Judd Read by Ian Holm (1/5)

11.00 A Week in the Life in the last of the series, Alphege Bell's audio diary gives an weight into a young black lawyer's first week as a pupil barnster in London chambers (r)

11.30 Uncle Dynamite (FM only) by P G Wodehouse, adapted by Pichard Usborne, Staming Richard Briers as Uncle Fred and Hugh Grant as Pongo, with narration by Paul

with narration by Paul Eddington (4/6) (1) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW

only) 11.45 Paganini's Medical Notes (LW only) Michael Oliver examines the life of the great

12.00 News Incl 12.27am Weather 12.30 The Late Books Kitchen. Emily Wooli reads Banana Yoshimoto's story (1/5) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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daughter considering entering the lamily firm could be forgiven for thinking twice. Who would wish themselves into the shoes of Sir Rocco Forte or Peter Baring, watching the family business slip

between their fingers?
The potential for public humiliation is huge, yet any success or promotion of the younger generation is dismissed, resentfully, as the result of nepotism.

But research suggests that family companies often enjoy above average success. A study by the Stoy Centre for Family Business in London showed that in the 21 years from 1970 to 1991, the shares of listed family companies outperformed the FT all-share

index by nearly 30 per cent. Barbara Dunn, director of Glasgow Caledonian University's Centre for Family Enterprise, says that investors' suspicion of family firms is based on prejudice. "I have interviewed accountants and stockbrokers and they start off with the assumption that most family firms are tuppenny. ha penny affairs. But in many cases, people running companies see themselves as cus-

todians of the family wealth." The centre runs pro-

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alone

grammes designed to help families cope with the stresses of running a business. Such programmes are rare in Britain but common in America and increasingly popular in Italy, where handing a company down the family - even one the size of Fiat - is considered the norm.

Those running the programmes say that experience shows that big, publicly quoted family companies face many of the same problems as small ones. "People are used to classifying firms by size and sector. But if it is owned or run by a family, it makes all the difference," Ms Dunn says.

In spite of the well publicised family firm disasters, many company heads continue to push their sons, and occasionally daughters, forward. Cameron O'Reilly, the 31-year-old son of Tony O'Reilly, head of Independent Newspapers, last month became chief executive of Australian Provincial Newspapers. Australia's largest regional newspaper publisher. Kerry Packer has handed control of his E1.5 billion publishing and broadcasting empire to his son. James, 28. Packer Senior inherited the company from his father and is expected to keep a close eye on the business.

Peter Leach, of the Stoy centre, says the danger period

INFRED AT NEC



In the frame: Sir Rocco Forte, son of Lord Forte, found himself on the receiving end of a bid by Granada

well Mars is doing or guess its

plans for when the current

owner-managers want to re-

another succession that is now

expected not to happen. The

Hanson conglomerate plans to

break itself up. It now looks as

though Lord Hanson's son.

Robert, will never take the top

In spite of all his advantages

and whatever his abilities, the

dice are loaded against him.

iob from his father.

in British industry, there is

for a company comes when it is handed down to the third generation: "By the third generation, you often have a diversity of shareholders and their interests and the interest of the family in charge do not coincide." The family, in these cases, often finds itself outvored and waving goodbye to the

company bearing its name. Professor Peter Storey of Warwick University's Business School, says there are two types of succession. The first is what he calls the Baxters model. Scotland's Baxters has been making soup and jams since 1868, has been smoothly handed down from generation to generation, and is still family run: the perfect family company success story.

The second is what Professor Storey calls the "red Porsche model". In these cases, he says: "There is a 25vear-old younger son who takes over and irritates all the managers who are in their forties or lifties and can see he doesn't understand the firm. He takes the job because he

enjoys having a red Porsche." According to Mr Leach. success is most likely if a family has a strong cultural. religious or ethnic identity that encourages it to stick together. Good examples of this are the Quaker Rowntree and Cadbury family firms. The other crucial factor is ensuring there are good non-family executives in the company. Cesare Romiti. who last

month became chairman of Fiat when Giovanni Agnelli stepped down, was an excellent and loyal managing director. He is now seen as keeping the seat warm for Signor Agnelli's 31-year-old nephew.

Depending on how you calculate it. up to 75 per cent of British firms are family-run and certain family names will forever be associated with a type of business. Sainsbury. for example, is synonymous with supermarkets and the family has kept a tight control on the company since it was founded in 1869. All the chairmen have been members of the Sainsbury family. But now there is no obvious family candidate to take over when

David Sainsbury retires. In the long run, Sainsbury's could go the way of Guinness. A prominent Irish dynasty, it now has little to do with the brewing business that made it famous. Likewise, Barings is a name that will always be associated with banking, but - thanks to Nick Leeson -Peter Baring will almost cer-

to be the bank's chairman. Mars is still owned by America's Mars family and run by the grandchildren of the founder. John and Forrest (Junior) Mars and their sister. Jacqueline, manage the business founded by Frank Mars in the mid-1920s and built up by his son, Forrest. As it is

privately owned and secretive, it is impossible to judge how

WORD-WATCHING

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(c) An obsolete kind of rifle, used in colonial America against the

natives, also the yager rifle. "Nine Pipes came to get a nipple to put on his Yager Rifle." (b) An evacuee, especially a child evacuated from the city to the

country, especially at the beginning of the 1939-45 war. A pet name abbrev. The Wortbridgers distrusted the vaccies with their quick ways and sharp, pinched faces." SOLVITUR AMBULANDO (a) An appeal to practical experience for the solution of a problem or proof of a statement. The Latin phrase means literally: "It [the problem] is solved by walking." Originally an allusion to the reported proof by Diogenes the Cynic of the possibility of motion.

the possibilities of things." TENDU

(b) In the jargon of ballet, stretched out or held tautly, especially in battement tendu. The past participle of the French tendre to stretch. "The return, with the Russian masters of 1925-30, of the traditional French style, strictly tendu."

How easily the solvitur ambulando of an artist like Mr

Tennyson may disturb a whole chain of ingenious reasoning on

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Dial 999 for gore, guilt and tautology

REVIEW

the ingredients of great drama, which is why 999 (BBCI, ma, which is why 999 (BBCI, fing blokes inadvertently sawing such an outcome would have been in the such and such an outcome would have been in the such an outcome would have been in the such and such an outcome would have been in the such an outcome would have been in the such and such an outcome would have been in the such as the Fridays) is almost terrific television. I say "almost" because unfortunately 999 gives us fear and pity, but also a big unappetising dollop of condescension. "I am a worthless person," laments the viewer of 999 afterwards. "My lifesaving capabilities are a disgrace." Few popular programmes ask you to examine your conscience so regularly. Afterwards, I sometimes get a roll of bandage out of the First Aid box, and look intently at the sleeping car, and think

miserably, "Shall I? Dare I? No." Now, clearly 999's interest in improving the nation's first aid is admirable, but it also feels uncomfortably like grace before grub in a borstal: it is the pious lecture you must suffer as prelude to the gory reconstructions. For, despite the repeated necessity of viewing the screen through knitted fingers,

into their own legs, or reckless adolescents getting stuck down a lead mine. Few of the stories on Friday involved the practical application of first-aid knowledge, incidentally: instead they involved resourceful people dialling 999. So a mixed message is sent to the public here. Personally (this is true), I once phoned the life guard when I saw a distress flare over the Channel I felt proud. But it turned out rather weirdly: "Yes, we know about the flares," said the life guard. kindly. "They are filming a reconstruction for 999."

Satire leaves no mark on a programme like 999. When BBC2's The Day Today memorably spoofed the genre (an item about a sheep dog in control of a light aircraft, and a resourceful shepherd whistling instructions from the control tower), it was

puff of embarrassment, even if nice. But it is extraordinary that, after so much ridicule, no selfexamination prevents Michael Buerk adhering to such tautological phrases as "a sudden and unexpected accident" as though proud to roll them out.

nyone expecting routine re-A construction of the Battle of Culloden last night on BBC2 will have been amazed by what they saw, I know I was. The newly made Rebellion was shown with the 1964 Culloden, and together they made an absorbing, intelligent two hours, shedding light not only on the historical episode itself, but on changing methods of history, and on changing methods of presenting it. While Rebellion used talking-

head historians (whose views con-

flicted), and told the whole story of

Lynne Truss

the Jacobite cause, Culloden focused on the battle and, through commentary and mock interviews with the officers and men (bedraggled in rain, with pustules and blackened teeth any make-up person would wince at today), presented warring humanity in all its confusion and cruelty. "This is grapeshot," said the narrator coolly. "This is what it does." refer Warkins went on to make The War "This is what it does." Peter

Game. His Culloden is a master-exaggerated enough, surely, withpiece: let's hope it's not 250 years

before it's shown again.
Did the makers of Rebellion know Culloden was to be reshown? It would certainly explain why they chose a rather different (and very loaded) reconstruction technique, in which unarmed bearded Highlanders ran like hapless savages towards, not cannon or bayonets, but tanks. Yes, tanks. Well blow me down, if you will pardon the expression. Were all the red coats just hired out by Hollywood, or was this (more likely) a political point? At Cultoden, many of the rebels were simply blown to bits by artillery, so it must have seemed a clever idea to show the superiority of the English "military machine" in this startling form, using stock footage of helicopters and armoured cars. Personally, however, I couldn't quite stomach it; the real differout making the battle look like space technology versus cave dweller.

aby Roslin's new chat show on Saturday (Chan-nel 4) luckily coincided with a lacklustre phase of the US Masters on BBC2, otherwise I can't promise I'd have stayed tuned. But Greg Norman was relentlessly maintaining his lead. the CBS pictures were bitty, the scoreboard was shown twice a minute, and Nick Faldo was miserably chewing the lip - so by comparison The Gaby Roslin Show certainly had an appeal. Will this lively woman revive the

chat show? Will she overturn recent preference for anti-chat, for clever interviewers outwitting dull guests in the cause of entertainment? We shall see. Most people seemed nervous on this first show, ences between the armies were (brilliant actress but gushy inter-

viewee, calling everybody in show business "fabulous" and "support-ive") reminded us of all the triteness Clive Anderson punctures for our sakes. If Gaby Roslin is to restore chummy, reverential chat (she slavered over her guests), perhaps the studio audience should not be led to expect Don't Forget Your Toothbrush. At the end of the show. Gaby promised: "Next week ... Tony Bennett" - and elicited no "ooh"s whatsoever from an audience that had presumably never heard of him.

Elsewhere - damn, no room, no room - last night's Triumph of the Nerds (Channel 4) was a witty account of the early days of the personal computer, essential viewing for the next two weeks. But the really big news was the gobsmacking demise of girlfriend Alex in Hamish Macbeth (BBCI) - a series which, like 999, is never afraid of accidents that are both sudden and unexpected.

6.00am Business Breakfast (33196) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Caefax) (64467) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelex)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7044738) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1197931)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magainze (30931) 12.00 News (Ceetax), regional news and weather (6690641) 12.05pm Room for

Improvement. DIY and decoration advice (s) (8678931) 12.35 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz

presented by Henry Kelly (s) (3736689) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (67554) 1.30 Regional News and weather (84478486)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceelax) (a) (44570950) 2.00 Columbo: Troubled Water. With Peter Falk (r) (Ceefax) (s) (44863)

3.30 Playdaya (r) (s) (1619844) 3.50 Bodger and Badger (r) (s) (7643318) 4.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (r) (5906819) 4.10 Fudge (Caefax) (s) (2809931) 4.35 F.O.T. (Coefax) (s) (9408641) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (1911592)

5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (1117196) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (663660) 6.00 Stx O'Clock News (Caelax) and weather

6.30 Regional News magazines (370) 7.00 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith hosts the showbiz panel game. (Ceetax)

7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck, Judith Hann, with Alice Beer, reports on health issues. This programme includes an investigation into last autumn's PIII scare and a report from America about a professor who plaims to the ageing process (Ceefax) (s) (554)

8:00 EastEnders: Arrangements for Ben's and Phil. (Ceefax) (s) (8221) 8.30 Crime Best: Swipers 5. Martyn Lewis investigates credit-card

pickpocketing and shoplifting. (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefex) regional news and weather (5738) 9.30 Panorama: Britain's Waterloo? Peter

Jay reports on Britain and a united Europe. (Ceefax) (972115)

10.10 Omnibus: Spike. Profile of Spike Milligan (Cestax) (s) (5452318) NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.10 Room for improvement 10.40 Omnibus 11.56 Film 96 with Barry Norman 12.25am Film: Midnight Cowboy 2.15 Weather

11.25 Film 96 with Barry Norman (Cealax) (s) (701134)

12.00 FILM: Loser Takes All (1990) with Robert Lindsay and Molly Ringwald. On honeymoon in Monte Carlo, a mildmannered accountant turns his system for beating casinos and enters a world of greed and corruption. Directed by James Scott (Ceetax) (s) (4885871) 1.20em Weather (7751790)

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6.00am Open University: The History of Maths (7645486) 6.25 Immigration, Prejudice and Ethnicity (9178736) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4725486)

7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turties (r) (Ceelax) (78660) 8.00 Blue Peter (r) (Ceelax) (s) (52047) 8.30 Songe of Praise (r) (Ceetax) (9250080) 9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, 10.00 -

10.25 Playdays (6899047) 2.00 Brum (60291736) 2.10 FiLM: Promised a Miracle (1988) Factbased story with Rosanna Arquette and

Judge Reinhold as a fanatical religious couple accused of manslaughter. Directed by Stephen Gyllenhall (Ceetsx) (602863) 3.55 News (Ceetsx) (2992660) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (283) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (45196)

5.00 Esther. Dame Thora Hird talks about her

5.30 The Wartime Kitchen and Garden. Gardaner Harry Dobson and cook Ruth Mott recreate the Home Front of the Second World War (r) (Ceelax) (937)

6.00 FILM: A Distant Trumpet (1964) staming Troy Donahue, Suzanne Pleshette and Keni Smith. A spirited young US Cavalry officer finds love in the form of two young ladies and adventure by way of a hubblooded battle with a local Native American tribe when he is posted to a secretar American from the Men he is posted to a remote Arizona fort. The tribe's dialogue is subtitled. Directed by Recul Walsh

7.50 The British Academy Craft Awards. Ruby Wax hosts the film and television awards ceremony from London's Hilton Hotel (779405)

9.00 The X Files: The Jersey Devil. Mulder and Scully track a legendary creature that has rearmed the New Jersey countryside for 40 years. When a man is attacked and partially eaten. Mulder is determined to (Cestax) (s) (454573)



Andrew Lincoln plays Egg (9.45pm)

9.45 This Life. Drama series about five young solicitor triends, sharing a London house. Egg concludes that football is his only way forward. Miles begins to worry when Delitah agrees to take an HIV test, and Anna uses her feminine charms to advance her career. Starring Amila Dhiri, Andrew Lincoln and Daniela Nardini. (Ceefax) (s) (436738) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (744689)

11.15 Acting With ... Jack Shepherd. Shepherd offers advice to a group of young actors on how to perform eare's speeches. (Ceetax) (329654)

12.00 Anielica Huston's Favourite Films (r) (Ceefax) (s) (45806). Followed by Weather

12.30em-6.00 The Learning Zone

The Victorian medical drama returns for a second series, having hooked a satisfying ten million-plus audience for its first. The wellheeled father and daughter doctors (David Calder and Jemma Redgrave) are still running their hospital for the deserving poor in the London East End. Meanwhile Redgrave's Eleanor continues to fight for professional recognition at the time when women in medicine are still a rarity. She is a heroine again when she carries out an impromptu leg amputation after a train crash in the Underground. That the patient (Tom Georgeson) subsequently turns as nasty as his wound adds a melodramatic twist to an otherwise authentically-observed script by the show's creator. Lucy Gannon. The realism extends to the operations. The squeemish are hereby warned.

Rescue: Smoke Eaters Channel 4, 9.00pm

What with Blues and Twos and 999, not to mention fictional counterparts, the emergency services are hardly starved of television exposure. The rationale of this series, apart from paying tribute to the courage and heroism of the professionals, is to show how big disasters have been the spur to improving organisation and equipment, Smoke Eaters looks at two big London fires more than 30 years apart. In 1958 Smithfield meat market was set ablaze after fire broke out in storage cellars. Two firemen died and the incident compelled a radical overhaul of procedures. The King's Cross Underground tire of 1989 threw up more heroism and revealed more shortcomings. Both incidents are recalled through archive film and the fire

An Inspector Calls: Unplanned Erections Channel 4, 9,30pm

A new series from John Piuman, remembered for his quirky contributions to BBC2's 40 Minutes, deals with those whose job is to enforce rules. A seemingly unpromising topic reveals unexpected the planning enforcement officers of the London Borough of Richmond. Headed by a burly extrovert called Alan Hallperny, the team is known to colleagues as the SAS. Its prime target is an unsightly roof extension built without planning permission. The owner claims he no longer lives in the house. A nighttime stake out proves otherwise. The ' is also called in by allotment holders. headed by a redoubtable actress, Edna Doré, who are in dispute with a builder over a promised delivery of topsoil.

Omnibus Spike BBC1, 10.10pm (Scotland: Thursday, midnight)

A portrait of Spike Milligan reveals a sad clown but, as he approaches his 78th birthday, one whose sense of the absurd is as strong as ever. The manic side of this talented, sensitive man is at least as evident as the depressive. But he is still deeply affected by the break-up of his first marriage. for which he publicly takes the blame. "How do you wipe out your mistakes?" he asks his tmseen interviewer. And there was the dreadful time when he had to tell his young children that their mother (his second wife) was dying of cancer. Even The Goon Show was a bitter-sweet success since the strain of writing 26 scripts a year for eight years came close to destroying him. Although younger comedy practitioners from John Cleese to Vic Reeves are happy to acknowledge their debt to him. Spike Milligan clearly feels under-appreciated. But laughter, thank goodness, keeps breaking in.

Peter Waymark 6.00am GMTV (3606432) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (a) (7052757)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6876196) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2489689) 10.35 This Morning (44289689) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) and

12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (3722486) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3730405) 1.25 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (5963047) 2.00 Home and Away. (Teletext) (s) (54669912)

2.25 Chain Letters. (Teletext) (a) (546B8047) 2.50 Garden Calendar. (Teletext) (4917221) 3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (7789776) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7788047)

3.30 Carlbou Kitchen (s) (8817931) 3.40 Tots TV (7632202) 3.50 Old Bear Stories (8828047) 4.05 Scooby Doo (2813134) 4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures (2899554) **4.50 The Big Bang.** (Teletext)

5.10 The List (3874478) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (463757) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (486)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (739738) 6.45 Sportsweek. (Teletext) (695080) 7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers (s) (4641)

7.30 Coronation Street, (Teletext) (950) 8.00 World in Action: The Republic of Britain. A report on the rise of republicanism among the British.

(Teletext) (s) (7919) 8.30 Police, Camera, Action! Driven to Distraction. More examples of dangerous driving (Teletext) (s) (9196)



Calder and Redgrave (9.00pm)

9.00 Bramwell. (Teletext) (s) (1405) 10.00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (952221)

10.40 Ballot Box. Young first-time voters have the opportunity to challenge politicians on key issues. Presented by John Meredith (937202) 11.40 Heroes. Gareth Edwards meets his hero, the golfer Gary Player (915950) 12,10am Bushell on the Box (s) (1880993)

12.40 Football Extra (6046581) 1,25 Customs Classified (4448516) 2.10 Jones and Jury. A country and western

2.35 FILM: Now or Never (1986). A weeple starring Eva Mattes and Werner Stocker. Christel Buschmann directs (697264)

4.15 Music Box Profile (46524177) 4:30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (70177)

5.00 An Invitation to Remember. Lionel Jelfries, part two (r) (42852) 5.30 ITN Morning News (33061). Ends 6.00 As HTV WEST except:

2.50pm-3.20 Cat Crazy (4917221) 5.10-5.40 Onstage Backstage (3874478) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (894080) 10.40 Classical Gas (937202) 11.40 Artylex (915950)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.25-12.30 My Story (6804844) 12.55 Coronation Street (3730405) 1.25-1.55 Chain Letters (79156641) 1.55 Home and Away (68263196)

2.25 Check It Out! (54679399) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (9618496) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3874478) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (88950) 10.40 The West at Work - Focus (759660)

CENTRAL

11.10 Street Legal (539844)

As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (3730405) 1.25 Chain Letters (79156641)

1.55 A Country Practice (44551825) 2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (3841950) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3874478) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (894080)

10.40 Sport in Question (937202) 11.40 World Championship Boxing (787554) 1.25am Hotel Babylon (4457264) 2.50 Jones and Jury (5428448) 3.10 Film: Darker than Amber (101697) 4.50 Jobfinder (47671719)

MERIDIAN

5.20 Asian Eye (1159974)

12.55pm Chain Letters (3730405) 1,25 Home and Away (79156641) 1,55 A Country Practice (68263196) 2,25-3.20 Blue Heelers (5022689)

5.10 Home and Away (3874478) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - the Listings

6,00 Meridian Tonight (486) **6.30-7.00 Country Ways** (738) 10.40 The Pier (743009)

11.05 The Listings (465370) 11.10 Meridian Works (319592) 11.40 Beyond Reality (915950) 5.00am Freescreen (42852)

Starts: 6.35 Fifteen to One (8612738) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (80405) 9.00 The Golden The Big Breakfast (80405) 9.00 The Golden Girls (37738) 9.30 Film: The Mikado (59614298) 11.10 The Three Stooges (5516316) 11.30 Biker Mice from Mars (6528399) 11.55 Terrytoons (8871028) 12.00 Right to Repty (40202) 12.30pm Afred J. Kwak (78573) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (83592) 1.30 Film: Knight Without Armour (91283) 3.30 The Greatest (844) 4.00 Jimmy's (979) 4.30 Fruity Stories (863) 5.00 5 Pump: Pwt a Beardin (8130641) 5.15 5.50 Pump: Pwt a Bear Parddu (8132641) 5.15 5 Pump: Pfeji (1990009) 5.30 Fifteen to One (115) 6.00 Newyddion (930937) 8.15 Heno (543844) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (947115) 7.25 Taro Naw (112318) 8.00 Jabas (1931) 8.30 Newyddion (7738) 9,00 Hidden Kingdoms (9047) 10,00 Sgorio (3333844) 11,05 Roseanne (318863) 11,35 NYPD Blue (545736) 12,30am Inner City Blues: The Tribute to Marvin Gaye

6.35am Fifteen to One (r). (Teletext) (s)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (80405) 9.00 The Golden Girls (r). (Teletext) (s)

9.30 FILM: The Mikado (1939) starring Kenny Baker. The Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera, directed by Victor Schertzinger

(59614298) 11.10 Three Stooges (b/w). The comic trio are appointed royal guards (5516318) 11.30 Bush Tucker Man (r) (8) (2641)

12.00 Right to Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (40202)

12,30pm Sesame Street (*) (69028) 1,30 Wowser (66286047) 1,55 Pete Smith Specialities (44559467) 2.20 FiLM: Simon and Laura (1955) staming Peter Finch and Kay Kendall, A cornedy, satirising 1950s television. Directed by Muriel Box. (Teletext) (127757)

4.00 Jimmy's (r). (Teletext) (s) (979) 4.30 Fifteen to One. (Telelext) (s) (863) 5.00 The Gaby Roslin Show (r) (s) (1554)

6.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy series (r). (Teletext) (888) 6.30 Hollyoaks. Teen soap set in Chester (Teletext) (s) (680)

7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (952863) 7.55 The Slot Viewers' video scapbox

8.00 Go Fishing. John Wilson demonstrates the art of working a float downstream in fast-flowing rivers. He then catches prime chub from his local River Wensum and offers tips on how to sex this frequently enigmatic species. (Teletext) (s) (1931)



The great Bobby Charlton (6.30pm)

8.30 The Greatest. The sixth of the 12-part series about 20th-century sportsmen. Gordon Kennedy presents profiles of the footballer Bobby Charlton and the athlete Steve Ovett. With resident panellists Frances Edmonds and Danny Kelly (Teletext) (s) (7738)

9.00 Rescue. (Teletext)

9.30 GHOCE An Inc Inspector (65009)

10.00 FILM: Red Rock West (1993). The last in the Nicolas Cage season. A film noir thriller about a pennifess drifter who arrives jobless in a small Wyoming town, where he is mistaken for a Texas hitman

11.55 The Late Late Show (s) (774080) 12.55am FILM: Arsene Lupin (1932, b/w) starring John and Lionel Barrymore. A vintage comedy thriller about a Parisien gentierman thier and the gendarms who is on his trail. Directed by Jack Conway

2.30 Karachi Kops. A repeat of the five-pert series, behind the scenes of a police station in Karachi, Pakistan. English subtitles. (Teletext) (86992). Ends at 3.00

SATELLIE AND GREET SALES

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE

7.00est Undur (85793) 9.00 Press Your Luck (853757) 9.20 Love Connection (9760486) 9.45 The Oprah Wintry Snow (9451432) 10.40 Leopardyl (2746485) 11.10 Safe Jesophane (26533) 12.20 Beschy (174891-1.00pan Hotel (26134) 2.00 Gereica (97221) 3.00 Count V (4890) 3.30 The Oprah Wintry Snow (5609134) 4.15 Undur (9256285) 5.00 Star Treit. The Next Generation (4661) 6.00 The Smpsons (8979) 6.30 Jeopardyl (2931) 7.00 LAPD (2898) 7.20 MPA-SHA (8115) 8.00 Sigtings (63699) 9.00 Police Rescue (49912) 11.00 Metrose Place (20047) 12.00 Late Snow with David Laternica. 12.00 Lase Show with David Letterman (7)15142) 12.45em The Triels of Rosle O'Neil (8578500) 1.30 Anything But Love (89448) 2.00 Fit Mix Long Play (8753528)

8.00em Suntise (845570) 9.30 The ISON Show (3183134) 10.10 CBS: 60 Minutes (4722641) 1.30pm CBS News (43115) 2.20 CBS News (31109) 3.30 The Book Show (7009) 8.30 Tonghit with Adem Boulton (49028) 7.30 Sportisine (265850) 8.10 CBS 60 Minutes: (957699) 11.30 CBS News (71047) 12.30mm ABC World News (12210) 1.30 Foreight with Adem Boulton Replay (7 (M/) T2:30am AEC World News (1221))
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(386526) 2.10 CBS 60 Minutes (143760)
3.30 The Book Show (31246) 4.30 CBS
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(75061)

6.05am Kritgitta at the Round Table (1953) 2322950) 8.00 The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatims (1952) (88573) 10.00 The Helum of tromade (1953) (98757) Our Ledy of Faltma (1952) (365/3) [56/57]
The Return of Iromaide (1993) [96/57]
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Come (1951) (78196) 2.00pm Conrack
(1974) [80562] 4.00 A Christmas to
Retmember (1978) (9552) 8.00 The
Ratmin of Iromaide (1953) (12115) 7.50 El
Feeture (2253) 8.00 Wolf (1994)
(7/12457) 10.05 The Plano (1993)
(42439) 12.05mm Fathers and Sons
(1993) 5659/4) 7.46 The Mem from Left
Healt retemp (1973) 3.20 Secret Sins of SKY MOVIES GOLD 4.00pm The Best of Benny Hill (1974) (58628028) 5.45 Surgeard York (1941) (20856467) 8.00 Bensman (1971) (3411)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00em Orice Upon a Forest (1993) [8178283] 7.15 Up in the Air (1968) [257047] 8.15 The Magic Adventure (1973) [2282485] 9.25 Amisnoche (1975) [2334370] 10.25 if's in the Air (1938) [93009] 12.00 Dennis (1993) [76738] 2.00pm House Cells (1978) [93009] 3.45 The Megic Adventure (1978) [7836757] S.00 Avelanche (1975) [7370] 6.00 Dennis (1983) [48301) 8.00 Assault et West Point The Court-Martiel of Johnson Whitziker (1994) [50115] 10.00 A.P.E.X. (1994) [31020] 1.20em The Disappearance of Christiste (1993) [1080]

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4em.
6.00em Muppet Bables (49486115) 6.30
Minnie the Pooh (49601316) 7.00 Ducktales
(10230757) 7.36 Quack Attack (10242592)
8.00 Chip N Dale Rescue Rangers
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1934114673 8.30 Linder the Umbrelle Time . (83411467) 8.30 Sing Me a Story with Belle (83410736) 9.00 Under the Umbrella Time (19343418) 9.30 Fraggle Rock (83184347) 19.00 Muppet Bables (45898370) 10.30 Poch Comer (93422202) 11.00 Winnle the Poch (42892302) 11.30 Dumbo's Cartus (4289931) 12.00 Disrey (40010290) 1.00pm Film: Breaking Fee (4580883) 3.00 Winnle the Poch (87777592) 3.30 Chip the Lafe (80457912) 4.30 Chip the Lafe Rescue Rangers (804578405) 5.00 Boy Meets World (87756009) 8.30 Danger Bay (8047776) Rangers (80453196) 5.00 80y Meets World (87758009) 8.30 Danger Bay (80477776) 6.00 Terzan (80474689) 6.30 Dangsaus (8045864) 7.00 Zorro (8775573) 7.30 FILM: The Old Curiosity Shop — Part One (78510919) 9.00 The Maiding of Toy Story (42686738) 9.30-10.00 Dinosaus (90480738)

7.30mm Aerobics (18496) 8.30 Cycling (29028) 10.00 International Motorsports

Report (50202) 11.00 Weighthting (47738) 12.00 Bowng (70080) 1.00pm Indycar (15541) 3.00 Touring Car (61757) 4.00 Olympic Games (73592) 5.00 Live Mans-thon (381196) 7.30 Speedworld (29776) 9,00 Pro Wresting (5237) 10.00 Footbell (59394) 11.00 Eurogot Magazine (51931) 12.00-12.30mm All Sports (14974) SKY SPORTS

7.00am Gillette World Sport Special (57115) 7.30 World of Speed and Beauty (59350) 8,000 POWERDOR WORD (15047) 8,300 Recing News (74318) 9,000 Aerobics Oz Style (56370) 9,300 Super League: Olcham v Leeds (14115) 10,300 Trans World Sport (86844) 11,300 Finish Line (65573) 12,000 Aerobics Oz Style (78134) 12,30pm Football Special (16785) 3.30 Supertilles Championship — San Marrio (2047) 5.30 Max Out (4854) 9.00 Sports Centre (1457) 6.30 Tartan Bure (5047) 7.00 Monday Night Football — Line (5353656) 16.15 Sports Centre (492347) 10.45 Tartan Edite (84286) 11.15 Bushwon — the Ullimate Fight (47283) 12.15am Football (752581) 2.15-2.45 Sports Centre (426429) Football Special (167863) 3.38 Supe SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Dennis Taylor's Pots of Gold (1050301) 10.30 Bobby Chartton's Footbell Scrapbook (9729196) 12.00 A to Z of Sport

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00cm Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kids TV 4.30 Voice of Faith with Walter Haltern 5.00 Voice of Victory with Kermeth and Glone Copeland 5.30 Christian Music SKY SOAP

7.00mm Guiding Light (8769931) 7.55 As the World Turns (1348863) 8.50 Peyton Plage (3490776) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (458501) 10.10-11.00 Another World SKY TRAVEL 11.00am Globelrotter (7871573) 11.30

11.00am Globelotter (1871573) 11.30 Australia from the Cutside Loelong in (8636370) 12.30pm Spica of Life (1278025) 1.00 Getaway (3007979) 1.30 Great Es-capes (1277399) 2.00 Trabade (412863) 2.30 Dive the World (5686009) 3.00 Globerotter (4107370) 3.30 Accurd the World . in 30 Minuses (7310592) 3.55-4.00 Liddius Store (12790573)

4.00 Holiday Shop (10306318)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Jack Nicholson, Michelle Pteiffer in Wolf (Sky Movies, 8.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00 Titanie (4118485) 8.00-7.00 Biogra-

7.00pm The Tomonow People (4139979) 7.30 Captain Power (555202) 8.00 Starman (9131028) 9.00 The Outer Limits (9144592) 10.00 Close 1.00cm The St. Million Doller Man (9610697) **2.6**0 Fil.M: Neenclerthal Man (55223784) **3.20-4.00**

3,00mm Surprise Chels (3863573) 9,30 Grow Your Own (1843028) 10,00 Stage-struck (4912912) 10,30 Our House (396757) 11,30 Room for Improvement (7044825) 11,30 Craftwas (7045554) 12,00 Julie Child (3950009) 12,30pm The Frugal Gournet (1847844) 1,00 Yen Can Cook (190487) 1,30 Furniture to Go (1846115) 2,00 Our House (538641) 2,30 Gardens Without Bonders (6256582) 3,00 Screaming Resis (8303775) 2,30-4,00 The Old House (1846115)

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1,40-3,00 Shopping

6,00em Tiny and Crew (66496) 7,00 Sesame Street (89912) 8.00 Barrey and Friends (67365) 8.30 Denobabes (17806) 9.00 An Attack (3123991) 9.16 No Neked Plames (7342369) 9.30 Ready or Not (39757) 10.00 Heartbreat High (15776) 10.30 Heng Time (14950) 11.00 Medison (20842) 11,30 Babyshers Club (70301)

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Earthworm Jun (22554) 1.30 Creepy Crawlars (22844) 2.00-5.00 Madison (615950)

10.05 Jeny Springer (8783134) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (8278399) 11.55 Prockside (4078690) 12.30pm Dangerous Wormen (9540344) 1.25 Crosswits NICKELODEON

6.00em Banena Sanchech (13370) 7.00 1Gles Tornettres (55157) 7.30 Pel Shop (67582) 8.00 Wishborns (73899) 8.30 Rude Dog (55669) 9.00 Bijer Mrcs (58912) 9.30 Carlessa (93931) 10.00 Rugratis (30950) 18.30 Real Monsters (52196) 11.00 Rocko (52466) 11.30 Doug (53115) 12.00 Sater Sater (76776) 12.30pm Pate 8 Pete (49937) 1.00 Capital Criticis (54028) 1.30 Pet Shop (99478) 2.00 Wishborns (54028) Pet Shop (99478) 2.00 Wishbone (5496) PS 5/102 (994/6) 2.00 Wishfolds (6956) 2.30 Rule Dog (1080) 3.00 Count Ductatia (7221) 3.30 Mighty Max (3825) 4.00 The Cryptiseeper (6680) 4.30 Rugrals (1844) 5.00 Sister Sister (6738) 5.30 Mighty Marc Marco (2196) 6.00 Ren and Stimpy (9008) 6.30-7.00 Alrald of the Dark? (3889)

DISCOVERY 4.00pm Time Travellers (6240844) 4,30 Harman-Nature (6240036) 5.00 Traesure Hunters (6308221) 5.30 Voyager (6220080) 8.00 Fire (6250221) 6.30 Beyond 7.30 Strange Powers (6247757) 8.00 Visitors from Carona (4280000) 8.00 Seminary from Space (4769399) 9.00 Seewings (4772863) 10.00 Classic Wheels (4775950)

BRAVO

12.00 Fil.M: The Smallest Show on Earth (8242844) 1.30pen Death Valley Days (1833841) 2.00 The Saint (4817487) 3.00 Danger Man (7043196) 4.00 Fil.M Back to Batesin (8301318) 5.00 Robin Hood (6254047) 6.30 The Time Turnet (9967221) 7.35 Sanohire and Steel (6234283) 8.50 The Saint (4758825) 9.00 Startiny and Hutch (4776889) 10.00-12.00 FILM Trou-ble Bound (7042467) PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diffrent Strokes 7.30 Entertain-ment 8.00 Due South 9.00 Soep 9.30 Taxi 10.00 Frasier 10.30 Conflezze Night 12.30 Benson 1.00 Wings 1.30 Laverne and Stratoy 2.00 Entertainment 2.30 Saturday UK LIVING

6.00em Kilroy (5980879) 7.00 Esther (5570318) 8.30 An Englishwoman's Garden (8773554) 9.00 A Cook's Tour of France

7.00mm Hower Breakdast (3099850) 9.00 Cafe VH-1 (2506414) 12.00 Heart and Scut (1282221) 1.00pm The Viryl Years (1268641) 2.00 Squaeze (7821389) 3.00 Into the Music (1605825) 6.00 Happy Hour (1288405) 7.00 VH-1 for You (8124786) 8.00 VH-1 Album Chart (9137202) 10.00 The Bridge (5765918) 10.30 Pizner Rock Debte: (9255778) Profiles (3765739) 11.00 Tommy (3452115) 1.00mm Radney ZEE TV 7.00am Jasgran (45725009) 7.30 Zee Presents (37102405) 9.00 Nertatyo (2660666) 9.30 Nermasta India (25256221) 10.00 Untu Senai (45734028) 11.00 Khana Khazana (58745738) 11.30 Hindi FILM As

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Then TNT films as below.

7.00pm The Canterville Ghost (1944) (1024)863) 9.00 The Chump (1979) 12161912 11.15 Savesya Messiah (1972) (28079487) 1.00em Hussy (1979) (9040)77) 2.49-5.00 The Canterville (1974) (1974 Ghost (1944) (20947871) PERFORMANCE

Continuous cartoons from 5em to 7pm,

Lucay (2309) 10.00 Treasure Hurt (26195) 11.00 Sterns (32931) 12.00 The Fall Guy (60264) 1.00 sees Batman (48325) 1.30 GP (56022) 2.00 See Brother Jate (32185) 2.30 Sterns (18332) 3.30 GP (82542) Dame Pepgy Ashcroft 10.00 7th Symphony 10.45 Opera Stories — La Boherne 11.48 Aria 12.00-1.00em Benny Carter **BBC WORLD** 7.30am First Look (44776) 8.00 Morning Mrs (101478) 11.00 US Top 20 Countdown News on the hour. News on the focus.

9.15mm The Money Programme 9.39 Top Gear 10.30 Machur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery 1.05pm Conrespondent 2.15 World Business Report 2.30 Newshour Asia and Pacific 3.30 The London International Max (101479) 11,00 US 100 20 COUNTGOWN 120196) 12.00 Greatest Hits 21738) 1.00pm Music Non-stop (54329) 3.00 (3738) 6.00 Das MTV (3221) 6.30 Road Rules (4573) 7.00 Hit List UK (45405) 9.00

Boat Show 4.15 The Money Programme 5.30 Tomorrow's World 8.05 The Money Programme 9.30 Holiday 12.10mm Nows-raghi 4.05 Pancrama Unplugged (97198) 9.30 Amour (27931) 10.30 The State (91009) 11.00 Yol (41844) VI+1 BBC PRIME

(8810202) 2.00 Agony Hour (2573283) 3.00 Live a Tryce (6858757) 4.00 Infatuation UK (2415738) 4.30 Crosswits (3102776) 5.05

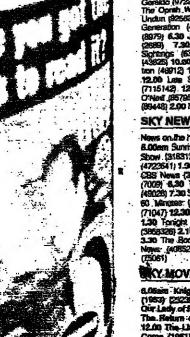
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(26399) 8.30 Duty Free (8888) 9.00 Sh Lucky (23009) 10.00 Treasure Hunt (2619

FAMILY CHANNEL

6.00mm Nemaday 6.30 Button Moon 6.40 Average: Penguma 7.05 Mike and Angelo 7.30 Going for Gold 7.55 Songs of Praise 8.30 The Biff 9.05 Carl Took, Wort Cook 9.30 Esther 10.00 Give Us A Clue 10.30 Best of Anne and Nick 12.15pm Best of Pebble Mill 1.00 Songs of Praise 1.35 The Biff 2.00 Esther 2.30 Give Us A Clue 3.00 Button Moon 3.10 Averager Penguins 3.35 Mike and Angelo 4.00 Going for Gold 4.30 999 5.30 Strike it Lucky 8.00 Today 3.30 Withile 7.00 Whatever Happened to the Wildlie 7.00 Whatever Happened to the Lasty Lasts 7.30 EastEnders 8.00 Paracise Postponed 9.30 The World at Wer 10.30 Nelson's Column 11.00 Cesuelly 12.00 Men's 12.30mm Behmd a Mesk 1.30 Men's 12.00mm Dehmd a Mesk 1.30 Classical Sculpture 2.00 English Express 4.00 Dizona Depletion 4.30 Social Care 6.00 Dizona Depletion 6.00 Dizona 6.00 Dizo





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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

UK firms join £8bn rush to rebuild Bosnia

BRITISH companies are hoping to be awarded their first contracts for the re-construction of Bosnia within a month. Up to £8 billion will be spent on rebuilding war-ravaged former Yugoslavia over the next four years. War damage has been estimated at \$50 billion.

Defence Systems, a Londonbased private security company, is understood to be close to signing a contract to clear mines from the former war zone, a key step to allowing reconstruction to begin.

Amec, the engineering and construction group, is hopingto sign utilities repair con-tracts within weeks. Prospects

BRITISH entrepreneurs are

more optimistic than their counterparts in Europe

about the prospects for their

national economy and for

their own companies, but they are gloomier than they

were six months ago, says a

Dr Neil Cross, interna-

tional director of 3i, the

venture capital company

that produced the survey,

said that it revealed "a crisis

of confidence amongst Europe's small firms". He add-

ed: "It may be that the

implementation of still low-

er interest rates is required

to boost prospects and re-

The bi-annual European

Enterprise Index, put to-

gether by 3i, covers the

expectations of entrepre-

neurs who manage small

for the future."

survey published today.

for British companies bright-ened after \$1.23 billion of new aid for rebuilding Bosnia was pledged by representatives of 50 countries and 30 international agencies meeting in Brussels at the weekend.

David Robson, chairman of Amec's manufacturing and services division, said his company already had people in Bosnia working on securing contracts for repairing gas, water and electricity supplies as well as rebuilding roads.
"We expect the first contracts in a matter of time —

within the next month." he said. Amec will use local Bosnian manpower. Other construction companies, in-

and medium-sized businesses in Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain.

Only the British took a

positive view of their com-

mercial outlook, but they

were gloomier than when

they were last surveyed. The

French are the most pessi-

mistic on this front, closely

British firms were also

alone in expecting turnover,

profitability and employ-

ment levels to increase in the

next 12 months. But unlike

peers in France and Italy,

they expect their marketing.

research and development

and training expenditure to

fall. Entrepreneurs in al

five countries expect invest-

followed by the Germans.

Small business

'crisis' in Europe

By Sarah Cunningham

cluding Balfour Beatty, have sent scouting parties to Bos-nia, while a consultancy, Howard Humphreys & Part-ners, the British subsidiary of Brown & Root of the US, has moved some staff to Sarajevo. The Department of Trade and Industry says that it has received inquiries from 200 companies about work in the

Competition to win contracts has been hotting up since the start of the year.

Many American and continental European companies have been chasing business with the energetic backing of their governments.

Amec sees itself in a particularly strong position because, since July 1994, it has had workers sponsored by the Overseas Development Agency assisting Sarajevo Gas to replace thousands of illegal connections. Northern Ireland Electricity also helped to ensure some continuation of power supplies in Sarajevo

during hostilities. The World Bank and European Union are now working together to identify key projects, although a Bosnian-Serb boycott of the weekend conference will hamper reconstruction in that part of the former Yugoslavia. The Bank and the EU will provide the names of possible contractors to Bosnian authorities who will award contracts. The World Bank has so far identified 12 emergency projects and has granted credits to allow work to begin. It says that up to \$5.1 billion will be needed to get the state back into reasonable shape. Piedges of \$600

million for emergency work

were made last December

although not all the money

ment to decline. has been delivered. Firms in all countries, but The DTI is to hold a particularly in Italy, expect wages to rise. Only French conference in London on April 29 on opportunities arising firms see prices falling. from reconstruction in Bosnia. It hopes Bosnian politicians will attend. DTI officials have been working to overcome concern that Britain was falling behind in the race for contracts when they start to flow. Many businessmen complained that they were not given adequate help to secure work for the rebuilding of

> This time round. British officials have been quicker off the mark. "We cannot complain. The embassy (in Sarajevo) has been very helpful and is well-respected, said Mr Robson. Colin Adams, head of the British Consultants Bureau, which has been working with the DTI, said: "The embassy has been outstanding in the help it has given."
> The Foreign Office is in the process of appointing a fulltime trade representative to be sent from London to the embassy in Sarajevo. A local representative was appointed in March. A trade mission. headed by Martin Laing, chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, is expected in early July.

> Kuwait after the Gulf War, when American firms took

many of the plum deals.

Aid pledged, page 12 Routes to City, Heathrow and Oxford are planned

BY OUR TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD BRANSON is planning to

build a Virgin rail compire linking the City of London with Heathrow Airport

and lucrative tourist destinations such as

Oxford. Stratford-upon-Avon and Windsor. Despite last month's setback when

he failed to secure the Gatwick Express

franchise, Mr Branson is determined to

become one of the leading players in

Virgin is already one of the leading

lights in London & Continental Rail

ways, the consortium that won the right to build the Channel Tunnel rail link and

operate Eurostar high-speed train ser-

vices to Paris, Brussels and the heart of

Europe. The company is now turning its attention to domestic rail franchises

Britain's new-look railways.



Sweeteners aimed at taking strain out of Railtrack float

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

THE Government will today unveil a bumper package of holders to the £1.8 billion Railtrack flotation when it publishes the pathfinder prospectus for the sale today. A cocktail of share dis-

counts, windfall dividends

and a 7 per cent yield will be on offer to help to allay investors' fears about the political risks attached to the offer. For the first time in a privatisation, the Treasury has agreed to profits earned by a company while in the public sector being handed out to private investors. About £70 million will be paid out as dividends for the year that ended on March 31. City advis-ers pointed out that the payout, combined with the 15p share discount to small investors and

the part-paid structure of the

share payments will give shareholders a first year return of up to 20 per cent. That is thought to be the biggest premium over building society rates since the first public flotations a decade ago.

Political arguments over the sale are likely to be heightened by details of directors' bonus packages outlined in the prospectus. It will show directors can earn up to 40 per cent of basic salary in bonuses if profit targets are met.

For Bob Horton, the chairman, who earned a basic salary of £122,000 last year (plus a £31,000 bonus) that would amount to an extra £48,500. John Edmonds, his chief executive, could earn a £52,800 bonus on his basic salary of £132,000. However, to avoid allegations of "fat cat"

handouts, there will be no

will reveal that operating profits for the year just ended fell from £304 million to £296 million. However, they are predicted to grow to about £400 million by the year 2000.

share options. The prospectus

The directors' bonuses and shareholder incentives are certain to provoke fresh outrage from Labour and the unions who will claim that the public and the City are being bribed to invest in a company that has assets valued at three times its expected sales value.

The pathlinder prospectus will include a lengthy state-ment from Clare Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary. detailing Labour's plans to subject the company to a tough regulatory regime with the eventual goal of taking it back into public ownership. Rail privatisation faces fur-

ther hurdles this week. On Tuesday, the Save Our Railways lobby group will launch a new legal action aimed at forcing the Government to allow British Rail to bid for franchises. Next day, Labour will lead a Commons debate on the Railtrack flotation that is expected to end in a close vote. Although no Tory back benchers have said they will rebel against the Government, the debate could flush out deep unhappiness with the sale among some Conservative and Ulster Unionist MPs. A survey by the Transport Salaried Staffs Association, out today, shows half of Railtrack's senior managers

and four out of five middle-

managers oppose privatisa-

tion on safety grounds. Labour anger, page 2

MMC attacked after leak

THE leaking of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on two big electricity company takeovers has cast doubt over the integrity of Britain's competition regime, Labour's energy spokesman claimed yesferday. John Battle, Shadow Energy

minister, said that if companies feel they cannot rely on the MMC to protect the confidentiality of the sensitive informasystem is in question". MMC reports are regarded

as highly secret before publication because the findings are likely to have a big impact on the share prices of companies involved.

Mr Battle said: "I don't think anybody will ever trust

reports going to the MMC again. It's really worrying. If the Government can't trust its MMC-then how can it have a credible competition policy? The Department of Trade

and Industry is threatening to obtain an injunction against The Economist, which pub-lished the details, unless copies of the MMC ruling on the proposed £1.95 billion takeover of Midlands Electricity by PowerGen and the £2.8 billion approach from Nat-ional Power for Southern Electric are returned by 3pm

Shares in the companies, and other potential takeover targets, rose sharply on Friday because the MMC is recommending to the DTI that the bids be allowed to proceed However, the Commission but lieves that some aspects of the deals may be expected to operate against the public

A DTI spokesman said that it was a criminal offence under the Fair Trading Act to revealcommercial information provided as part of an MMC investigation. The DTI believes that the copy seen by the Adam Raphael, the journalist, contains sensitive information that will be excised from the

published report. The leak is expected to add to pressure on Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to make known his ruling on the electricity takeovers.

Mr Battle said that Labour still had an open mind about the takeovers and wanted more detail about the conditions the MMC reportedly wants to impose.

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Society to unveil payout

BY ROBERT MILLER

ninth-largest building society, with assets of £9 billion, will today unveil the terms and details of likely bonus payouts after the Bank of Ireland announces a £600 million takeover of

the society.

More than a million qualifying Bristol & West savers and borrowers can expect to receive average bonuses of close to E500. The future of Bristol & West has been the subject of intense speculation for a number of weeks as the society sought to finalise the details of the takeover by Ireland's second largest bank. By last Thursday, long

queues of speculators hoping to

BRISTOL & WEST, Britain's cash in on the bonuses at the last minute had formed outside many branches and the society was forced to freeze new share accounts with im-

> Bristol & West, which has nearly 160 branches, is expected to keep its own corporate indentity in a deal that will mirror the £1.8 billion takeover of the Cheltenham & Gloucester, a larger society, by Lloyds Bank last year. C&G is now the retail mortgage arm

of the high street clearer. Bank of Ireland has assets of nearly £20 billion and 27 branches in the UK, including Glasgow, Liverpool, Cardiff, London and Manchester. The

Bristol & West deal will also help to grow the bank's £3 billion mortgage book.

Bristol & West will need to secure the approval of its members. As the deal works its way through the system. speculation on the next likely candidate for a merger or conversion to banking status will become even more intense.
The Treasury and the Build-

ing Societies Commission are increasingly concerned about the destabilising effect that the flow of money into the next "hot" merger or takeover tar-get is having, particularly on smaller societies.

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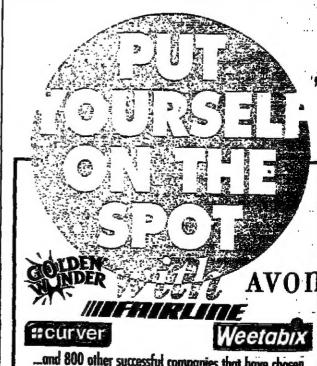
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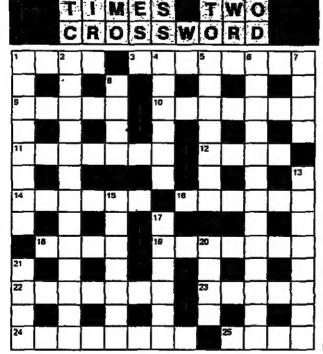
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particularly attracted to the growth potential offered by destinations such as Oxford, one of the country's top tourist cities. Currently the route between Oxford and London is dominated by two

ahead, air passengers would have the chance to travel directly to the City by rail through yet another project under con-sideration by Mr Branson. This would involve reopening disused freight lines to create a direct 30-minute train service from the airport to the City. The "Virgin City Link" service could attract up to three million passengers every year and

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